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It is to the benefit of rulers to surround themselves with counsellors who act as their eyes and inform them after evaluating everything directly.

- From Kalaignar's Thirukkural commentary...

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## 'Dravidian Model will show the way'

# Hon'ble Chief Minister lays down charter of six great targets to take forward achievements of first year

1 YEAR OF GOVERNANCE
A YEAR OF HARDWORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENT

**Hon'ble Speaker Sir,**

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** under Rule 110 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, in connection with the completion of one year's rule of the DMK Government.

One year has passed by since I assumed office as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, taking the oath "I, Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin…". I stand in this House with the feeling of satisfaction that I have worked truthfully and sincerely for the people of Tamil Nadu in this one year.

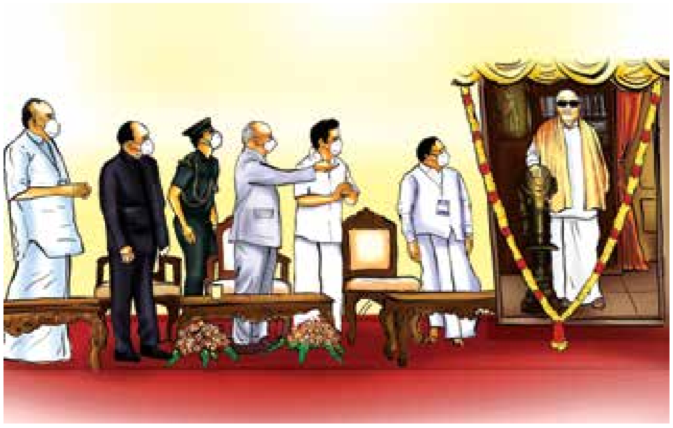
### Achievements as vast as the ocean

A year may be a long period in the lifetime of an individual but it is only a little drop in the history of a Country/State. I stand in this House proud of our achievements that are as vast as the ocean in the little time span of a year.

At a meeting of many thousands of people, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar declared: "I and Perasiriyar (Thiru. Anbazhagan) are toiling for this Tamil society. If a question is asked who will take up this work after us, only 'Thambi' Stalin should do it; I and Perasiriyar are hopeful he will do it in an excellent manner".

I am standing in this House with the happiness that I have redeemed in this one year, the hopes of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar and Inamana Perasiriyar Perunthagai. It was Muthamizharignar Thalaivar Kalaignar who shaped not only me but also the DMK Members seated in this Assembly and the lakhs and lakhs of DMK heroes spread in all the 8 directions of Tamil Nadu. When he left us after shaping us all, the party's leadership responsibilities fell upon my shoulders.

At that time I said: "I am not Kalaignar; I cannot speak like him, I cannot write like him, but I will try to work like him". This promise



I gave then. I stand before you with the courage that I have fulfilled that promise in this one year.

I wish to express my gratitude to crores and crores of Tamils who have made me stand with this elation and pride in this hundred-year-old Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.

The (then) Chief Minister Perarignar Anna was speaking in this House. The entire House was hearing his speech in silence. But there was some commotion outside. With a glance, Anna queried the Assembly security guards about it and they whispered something to him. After getting the permission of the Speaker of the Assembly, Anna left the House and returned after 5 minutes. Before resuming his speech, Perarignar Anna said: "My party cadres have come to see me from some corner of Tamil Nadu. They were responsible for my entry into this House and by way of respecting them I greeted them and returned here after sending them off".

I wish to express my heart-felt gratitude to all the courageous DMK cadres from the distant corners of the state for making me stand up in this august House with such a status. I wish to thank all the party leaders who have been not only alliance partners but also journeyed with us with the camaraderie of friends. It is because of them that I stand here, head aloft. I firmly believe that I have measured up to their confidence in me in this one year.

This one year rule of DMK has demonstrated that it has protected the welfare of the people and achieved uniform development by bringing about a co-ordination among all Departments and their functioning. We have created a situation wherein there is no one in Tamil Nadu who has not received the benefits of our schemes.

## Free bus travel

Kindly think about the change that has taken place among women after the implementation of the free bus travel scheme to them. Even now, before coming to this House, I boarded a 29C bus at a bus stop on the Radhakrishnan Salai while on my way after garlanding a portrait of Thalaivar Kalaignar at his Gopalapuram house and getting the blessings of my mother. 29C route bus is unforgettable in my life as I travelled by it to my school to and fro from the Stella Maris College bus stand to Sterling Road. I asked the women passengers in the bus about the one year performance of the Government and whether they are satisfied with it. "We are highly satisfied and it is an immense pleasure for us to see you", they replied. I asked them how much they gained by the free travel of bus and they replied in detail.

Already opinion polls on this have been taken on 3 bus routes – Koyambedu to Tiruvottiyur, Tambaram to Chengalpattu and Broadway to Kannagi Nagar – by the State Planning Commission. The surveys also sought information on who benefited through this concession and to what extent. It is found that the scheme has benefited the backward, most backward and scheduled caste women; the SC women have particularly benefited to a large extent.

## Bringing down the burdens of life

A domestic servant said her monthly salary was Rs. 5,000 and she could save Rs. 850 due to the travel concession; a woman seller of articles said her income this month was Rs.9,000 and she could save Rs. 900. I will say this is the true achievement of this Government.

A woman maintenance worker in a company with a monthly salary of Rs.9,000 saves Rs. 1,070 a month; a daily wage earner, getting a monthly salary of Rs. 9,000 saves Rs. 750 a month. That is, every woman, on an average, saves Rs. 600 to Rs. 1,200 every month. One hundred and six crore thirty four lakh women have travelled by bus till 30.04.2022 free of fare. This is a great achievement. They save 11% of their monthly salary; the daily

wage earners save 20% of their expenses. They say, they have begun to save the money. That is, women who have to depend on their daily wages to meet their expenditure, have become money depositors. This scheme has become one that reduces the burden of women earning Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 12,000.

The DMK's Dravidian Model Rule has demonstrated that just through a single signature, the lives of crores of women can be lighted up. I have mentioned about only one scheme; I can go in detail about every other scheme also.

Good things have happened, just through one signature, to thousands, several thousands, lakhs, several lakhs, crores, several crores of people. This is not a mere rhetoric.

## Relief provided during Corona pandemic

- ★ The number of families that received Rs.4,000 Corona assistance is 2,09,81,900; the number of families that received Corona relief of 13 grocery items is 2,07,77,535; the number of families that received 21 types of Pongal articles is 2,12,17,756;
- ★ Persons administered vaccine against corona are 10,83,07,713; financial assistance given to the families of frontline medical workers who had died of corona- Rs.79.90 crore; one crore people benefited by three rupees reduction in the price of Aavin milk; number of persons who received new family cards – 11,47,844;
- ★ Number of persons who received new electricity connections – 9,91,000; Government employees who benefited by higher dearness allowance – 9,32,000; pensioners who benefited are 7,15,000;
- ★ Beneficiaries of jewel loan waiver – 22,20,109; loan beneficiaries due to women self help groups – 54,05,400; beneficiaries on account of waiver of loan given to women self help groups – 15,88,309;
- ★ Number of persons who have joined the newly created women self help groups – 4,76,175; beneficiaries of the scheme 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam Scheme' – 93,34,315; beneficiaries of the scheme 'Innuyir Kappom - Nammai Kaakkum 48' – 39,542;

## Kalaignar Insurance Scheme

- ★ Beneficiaries of '104' medical service centre – 3,16,000; beneficiaries of '108' emergency ambulance service – 16,41,000; number of persons enrolled in Kalaignar Insurance Scheme – 1.34 crore people; those who underwent treatment due to this scheme – 3,43,000; beneficiaries of Kalaignar's 'Varumun kaappom' camp – 8.25 lakh people; number of persons treated by the mobile medical team – 1.54 crore;
- ★ Newly created job opportunities through the 124 Memoranda of Understanding – for 1.90 lakh persons;
- ★ The number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises that received loan during Corona period – 539; 27,771 persons got jobs through industries created by TIDCO; number of persons who received loans under the Enterprise Development Scheme – 124;
- ★ Families of 315 frontline workers who had died of Corona received relief; number of persons who received compensation for the family on account of Corona death – 55,743; compensation to children due to loss of parents because of Corona, received by 10,824 persons; families of 16 journalists who had died of Corona, received financial assistance;
- ★ 76 heroes who fought for state borders received Rs. one lakh assistance each; 96,273 families affected by floods

received compensations; persons who received compensation on account of crop loss – 3.59 lakh; transport workers who have received financial assistance - 2,457; Revenue Department issued pattas to 1.59 lakh persons;

★ Number of persons who received free house site patta – 24,883; the number of Adi Dravidar and BCs who received free house site pattas – 53,000; number of persons who resided in poramboke lands and received free house site pattas – 16,000; house site pattas under Natham Scheme given to 56,000; name change in patta through online obtained by 19.52 lakh persons; beneficiaries of Uzhavar Padhugappu Thittam – 1.24 lakh.

## Archakas from all castes

★ Houses obtained through the Housing Board – 6,323 persons; Rs. 1,000 pension to 3,000 artists; under the scheme of archakas from all castes, 24 persons obtained jobs; pension to the 9,982 poojaris of temples where 'oru kaala' pooja is performed; salary to 1,744 workers engaged in tonsuring work;

★ Number of students who benefited by the 'Illam Thedi Kalvi' scheme - 30 lakh; revival of school education for 1.80 lakh children whose inability to go to school was traced through the new mobile app; student beneficiaries of the scheme 'Ennum Ezhuthum' – 16 lakh; under the compulsory education scheme, 56,000 persons were enrolled;

## Enhanced pension for the differently abled

★ Enhanced monthly pension of Rs. 1,500 given to 2.11 lakh differently abled persons; 37,000 differently abled persons received free equipment; number of differently abled students receiving scholarship – 23,326; differently abled persons who have received national ID cards – 4,82,518; differently abled persons in jobs – 553;

★ Participants in the social 'valaikappu' event conducted for pregnant women – 90,000; subsidy given to 'Thirunangais' for starting own trade distributed to 141 persons; senior citizens benefited in old age homes – 711; 285 children who had lost their parents in corona are given financial assistance;

## Ungal Thoguthiyil Mudhalamaichar Scheme

★ Number of persons who benefited by giving petitions in the 'Ungal Thoguthiyil Mudhalamaichar'Scheme – 2.29 lakh; those who got land patta under this scheme – 32,283; pension – 30,455; individual house – 19,665; getting trained in competitive examination camps – 12,000;

★ Families of fishermen which received Rs. 5,000 relief – 1.71 lakh; which got special incentive – 1.51 lakh; those received cash assistance under the saving cum relief for fishermen scheme -3.45 lakh persons;

★ Rural houses that received tap connection – 14.32 lakh; members in trained women self help groups – 2.42 lakh; youths trained through rural self employment institution – 15,000; youths who started own industries – 13,000;

## Job opportunities for youth

★ Number of youth who obtained jobs through District job opportunity camp – 32,000; students who received cycles – 4 lakh; beneficiaries of old-age pension scheme – 3,00,263; persons who got jobs through the employment opportunity camps, conducted throughout Tamil Nadu – 68,800;

- ★ Beneficiaries of the 7.5% reservation in medical college admission – 437; in dental college admission under that reservation – 107 persons; crop loans to 14,83,961 persons; co-operative loans to 48,93,174;
- ★ Number of persons who received Kuruvai cultivation package in delta District is 2,87,401; one day holiday has benefited 63,077 constables; number of Sri Lankan Tamils who received several welfare measures – 92,669;
- ★ Beneficiaries of one per cent reduction in cotton tax – 3,052; rescued child labourers – 291; assisted migrant labourers during Corona period – 1.29 lakh; un-organized sector workers given assistance -1.85 lakh; reinstated in work on labour rights – 5,235;
- ★ Number of persons rescued from bonded labour – 198; workers who received welfare assistance – 50,000; registered un-employed persons who received doles – 55,000; registered disabled persons who received assistance – 14,541.

In 2021, dredging works to a length of 4,213 km were undertaken at a cost of Rs.67 crore before the opening of the Mettur dam and thus water flow to the tail-end was ensured. Likewise, dredging works are being executed for a length of 4,694 km this year at a cost of Rs. 80 crore.

I have given a long list. Through these measures, crores of Tamil Nadu people have benefited directly. I wish to proudly record here that this Government's performance has been one of benefiting every person directly.

## Pillar marking 75th Independence Day

In this one year, many initiatives have been taken. They include a memorial pillar in Chennai for the 75th Independence Day, a huge hospital at Guindy at a cost of Rs. 230 crore, a memorial library at Madurai for Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, a memorial Mandapam for Kalaignar at Chennai, eligibility in Tamil language compulsory for Government jobs, a separate budget for agriculture sector, 'Illam Thedi Kalvi', 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam', 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme, 'Innuyir kaappom – Nammai Kaakkum 48', World beaters talent spotting scheme, smart city, Samathuvapurangal, Uzhavar sandhaigal, Government model schools, Journalists welfare board, dream house for authors, 'Ilakkiya maamani virudhu', 'Kalaignar ezhudhukol virudhu', schools uplift scheme in the name of Perasiriyar Anbazhaganar, colleges uplift scheme in the name of Kamarajar, the first port for investors-Tamil Nadu, Chief Minister in your constituency, Periyar's birth anniversary – 'Social Justice Day,' Ambedkar birthday – 'Day of Equality,' Vallalar birth anniversary - 'Thaniperum Karunai Naal', Kalaignar Urban Development scheme, Annai Tamizhil Archanai, archakar job without caste discrimination, book fair in every District, a permanent place to set up book park, retrieval of temple land encroachments, 10 arts and science colleges, 11 new ITI institutes, police commissionerate, 'porunai' museum and (curtailing plastic usage through) yellow bag initiative.

If we demonstrate implementation of these schemes without injuring their inner spirit, Tamil Nadu will rise as an excellent state. I will be happy that I have been a tool for this elevation.

## Seventy per cent promises fulfilled

The DMK released its election manifesto before it came to power. The assurance was we would implement all that had been stated in the manifesto in 5 years. I wish to say emphatically that we have implemented 60 to 70 per cent of what we had stated, in this one year.

Time constraint prevents me from cataloguing them. It is laughable when critics say that we have not done anything new and that we are only passing on with a new name what is already there.

It is unclear whether they speak knowingly or otherwise.

I wish to ask whether free bus travel for women was already there; was a Corona relief of Rs.4,000 given; was the price of Aavin milk reduced by Rs.3; or that of petrol by Rs.3 per litre; were schemes worth Rs. 317 crore framed for Sri Lankan Tamils, whether Periyar's birth anniversary was celebrated as Social Justice day; or that of Ambedkar as day of equality?

## Dravida Model

Was one per cent cotton tax cancelled in deference to weavers' demand? Was the Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribes Welfare Authority was created? Were co-operative jewel loans waived? Were women self-help groups' loans waived? Did medical treatment go in search of people ('Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' scheme)? Was 'Illam Thedi Kalvi' scheme implemented? Was there any 'Nammai kaakkum 48 Thittam'? Was there any priority for those who studied through Tamil medium? Was Rs. 1,000 given to Government school girl students going for higher education? I can ask many questions like these.

We are implementing what we have stated; in this one year, we have also carried out what we have not stated. All Governments have a purpose, a path (to achieve it). This Government also has a purpose and a path. 'Dravidian Model' is the name I have given it.

The spirit of it is 'All things for all people'. Thanthai Periyar said: 'My aim is to uplift that person who is oppressed and suppressed'. Perarignar Perunthagai Arignar Anna said: "I am a commoner working for common people". Our Muthamizharignar Thalaivar Kalaignar said: "I will toil for ever for the uplift of the oppressed people" As we are functioning in line with the ideals of these three, we emphatically say that this rule is 'Dravidian Model'.

If it is asked what 'Dravidian Model' is, it is not only in my heart but it is in the hearts of all progressive people who feel that Tamil Nadu and people of Tamil Nadu should progress. This collective thought is the heartbeat of this Government.

## For Tamils in Sri Lanka rehabilitation camps

This Government's heart is in the hearts of 1,73,792 school children who resumed their education after a gap due to Corona; it is mingled in the lives of 95 lakh people who benefited by the 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' scheme; it is in the breath of 39,000 people who regained their lives through the scheme "Nammai Kakkum 48"; this Government lives in the hearts of the differently abled persons who could cast away their depression and happily dip their legs in the sea due to the wooden path we laid to the sea; the Government's heart is in the new environs of camp dwelling Sri Lankan Tamils who wore a look of sorrow and depression.

## Government with a heart

I rushed to Kalimedu village in Thanjavur District after hearing of the death of 11 persons in an unexpected accident in a temple festival. The people of that village said the Chief Minister had rushed to the place like the kith and kin of the deceased persons. In their words, lie the heart of this Government.

This Government's heart is in the retrieval of Tamil Nadu students who had gone to Ukraine for studies but were caught in the bombing of that Country and were gripped with the fear of death.

The paddy yield this year is a record in the last 43 years. This Government's heart is in raising the level of fertility in the soil to get this yield.

This Government's heart is in instilling confidence in the heart of a 'narikurava' woman in Mamallapuram and in establishing her self-respect.

### A 'pungent' Government in which people repose their faith

When I visited Irular families at Avadi and tasted the 'karikuzhambu' offered by them, I found it very spicy. I asked them whether they always took such spicy dishes. They said such spiciness was routine for them and added that they escaped Corona due to such a diet. It is entirely different whether their contention is scientific. But their love in providing such a spicy food is apparent. This Government too is hot and pungent. Just as they believed that spicy food will protect them from disease, people believe that our DMK Government too is a pungent Government that protects them from social malaises.

The girl school student in that house lacked facilities herself but when I visited her house, she did not ask anything for her family but sought help for a deaf boy in the next house. Hon'ble Minister for Milk & Dairy Development Thiru. S.M. Nasar continues to render help to that child. I feel this Government's heart is in the help extended to such marginalized people.

Thalaivar Kalaignar said: "Rationalism and bitter gourd are bitter; but they are very good for the body". Such is the timely need for 'Dravidian Model' Government. When people present petitions to me at Government functions, or while I am proceeding on the road or going to attend events, some of them say: "I have presented petitions several times; but I get the hope that it will be fruitful while presenting it in your hands". When such ordinary people say so, I will say that their confidence is the good certificate given to this Government.

### Great achievement

I have been in politics from a very young age. I am accustomed to seeing crowds. In the crowd, people's faces reveal what they feel. In this one year, I see people coming towards me like waves. Their happy countenances reflect the exuberance of our society. This is the great achievement we have made in this one year.

My anxiety and fear is that we should safeguard this confidence. As people's support surges, responsibility and duty mount. We have to work hard for safeguarding it. I am ready; not only I, the entire cabinet is ready to work still harder.

I propose to make some announcements on this joyous day of the starting of the second year after completion of the first year. I am happy to announce 5 big important schemes to this House.

### Special nutrition scheme

First one is supplying of breakfast to Government school students. The Government has received the information that most of the students are not taking breakfast as they have to start early in the morning to go to schools. The distance of the schools is the reason in the case of some; but for some the family situation contributes to this. We have framed this scheme taking this into account. This scheme will be implemented in the first stage in some Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and in far off Villages. Nutritious breakfast will be served to elementary school students – from $1^{st}$ to $5^{th}$ standard – on all school days through the local body organizations. Gradually, the scheme will be extended to other areas.

The second scheme aims at creating a Tamil Nadu free of nutrition deficiency. Data obtained after assuming responsibility of governance, is very distressing. Tests conducted on children below 6 years of age revealed that most of them are anaemic. Their weight and height are not commensurate to their age. They are very emaciated. I realized that if they are not physically strong, their future will become a question mark and suggested that a special scheme be framed to rectify it.

This scheme is launched with a view to bring up children of 6 years of age and below in a healthy manner. We propose to conduct medical tests for children in an extensive scale. The Government has decided to provide medical assistance to children who require it and implement a special nutrition scheme for needy children.

Children will benefit from this scheme. We have designed this scheme to make all children in Tamil Nadu strong and free of malnourishment.

### Schools of excellence

The third scheme pertains to 'schools of

excellence'. When I went to Delhi in April last, I visited a model school run by the Delhi Government. The Chief Minister of Delhi national capital territory escorted me and explained the various features of the school. I declared then and there that such schools would be started in Tamil Nadu. On that basis, I am happy to announce that such schools will be created here also.

In the first phase, 25 Corporation and Government Higher Secondary Schools will be upgraded at a cost of Rs. 150 crore. The basic structures of these schools will be strengthened. All the buildings will be modernized. While importance will be given to the academic stream, infrastructural facilities will be provided in those schools for learning art, literature, music, dance, scientific demonstrations, games and handicraft works. We will bring out the various skills of students; along with education, students' exclusive talents will be developed; their personality traits will be enhanced. I assure you that appropriate steps will be undertaken to extend gradually these types of schools in all Districts.

### Medical Centres in urban areas

Setting up urban medical centres is the fourth scheme in the announcement. Just like the Primary Health Centres and Health Sub-Centres in rural areas, these Centres are to be set up in Urban areas. This scheme proposes to reduce the crowds at the general hospital by providing co-ordinated quality medical services near the residential places of people.

In the first phase, 708 Urban Medical Centres will be set up in 21 Municipal Corporations including the Greater Chennai Corporation and in 63 Municipalities. Own buildings for these Centres will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 180.45 crore. These centres will give out-patient service between 8 and 11 a.m. and between 4 and 8 p.m.

These centres will be manned by a doctor, a nurse, a compounder and an assistant. Through this scheme, availability of free medical services morning and evening to the urban poor will be ensured and I am happy to state that Tamil Nadu will reach the target of welfare to all by the year 2030.

The fifth is the scheme 'Ungal Thoguthiyil Mudhalamaichar'. You all know, during the election campaign I visited many places, met the people and collected petitions from them. These petitions were safely locked in a box and I assured the people that the box would be opened after winning the election. We won. To examine these petitions, a separate Department - 'Ungal Thoguthiyil Mudhalamaichar' – has been created and the demands in the petitions are resolved.

As it has benefited the people greatly, we have planned to extend this scheme. I wish to inform this House that this scheme is going to be implemented in all the 234 Assembly Constituencies. The concerned MLA of the Constituency will examine Constituency's pending essential needs with the concerned officers inclusive of the District Collector and on MLAs' recommendations, they will be implemented. In the coming financial years, funds will be allocated on a priority basis for their implementation. Each MLA should present a list of 10 important schemes to the District Collector concerned. The most important among them will be identified and this Government has decided to prioritize those schemes that cannot be brought under the ongoing Government Schemes. For these works alone, Rs. 1,000 crore will be allotted this year.

This scheme will be implemented under my direct supervision. I assure you, uniformity will be maintained in the implementation of schemes in Constituencies, whether it be that of mine – Kolathur – or that of the Leader of the Opposition (Edappadi) or the Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Bodi).

### Transparency in governance

I gave seven important promises at a massive election meeting at Tiruchi conducted by our Nehru. They are: Growing opportunities- Fertile Tamil Nadu; Increase in Grain Production – Happy Farmer; Enough Water to all citizens; Quality Education and Health Care to all; A State full of beautiful cities; A high-class rural set up – High standard of living; and a Tamil Nadu bereft of any scarcity (Prosperity for all). The five schemes mentioned earlier, have been framed centering round these seven promises. I will certainly carry

out the assurances I have made. I will not say the achievements of this one year are mine; I have not been brought up like that. These achievements have been recorded with the co-operation of my Cabinet colleagues. This is a collective victory achieved on the strength of our hands joining together.

### Schemes with lofty objectives

Dear Brother Thiru. Duraimurugan not only leads this House but also this Government. In my personal capacity and through this House, I am duty bound to thank Thiru. Duraimurugan, our Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources.

This Government has six great targets. They are: global standards in infrastructure; commanding skill in education and intellectual acumen; satisfaction to people in day-to-day needs; industrial development without any slackening; development to all communities and transparency in finance, law and administration. This Government functions with these six targets. The entire Cabinet is supporting me and is working with a sense of total dedication to achieve these targets. I thank them also.

The schemes they frame and implement Department-wise are all magnificent. They can be the foundation for the excellence and greatness of Tamil Nadu. I thank the Government Officers, including the Chief Secretary for their great support to the Ministers in their work.

I don't claim I have accomplished everything in this one year. I will never say that. But I can certainly say we have done more, than what could be achieved in a year. I totally accept the distance we have to cover is still long. The hurdles that slacken the pace are financial crunch and some fixations on the part of the Union Government. We could have framed many more schemes but for these hurdles.

But what is life without hurdles? The hurdles I faced in my life have honed me for better; they have helped me to mature, placed me here as a determined person and helped me identify people. After all, such hurdles have always been there. I am not a person of negative orientation to keep talking only about the hurdles. I am positive minded and think about victory by smashing these hurdles. I wholeheartedly believe that this positivity is basically responsible for this one year's development.

I don't depend on others' weaknesses in politics. I wish to do politics depending on my own strength. My strength is in my target. I will achieve the target at any cost.

### Dashboard to achieve goals

India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru said: "There is no country like India in the world in having goals; at the same time there is no country in the world that has such a huge gap between the goal and implementation as India has." My aim is that this should not be so. I feel that the goal and the process of achieving it should go hand in hand. For this only, I have set up a dashboard to mark the time-limit for the execution of the announcements I make. This planning is enough to implement and complete any scheme.

So, I categorically say to this House that I will certainly implement the assurances given in the DMK's election manifesto.

The name of my target is 'Dravidian Model'. To achieve that target, I will toil with the strength of Thanthai Periyar's policy, with the humanism of Perarignar Anna and the perseverance of Muthamizharignar Thalaivar Kalaignar and protect Tamil Nadu.

This first year has gone by as a good start. The second year is going to be an unparalleled year. To record in history that hereafter it is going to be DMK's rule, Kalaignar's rule forever, I continue my journey of governance with the blessings of all of you. Come! Let us join together and establish our own Tamil Nadu.

Vaazhga Thamizh! Velga Thamizh Nadu!

Nandri! Vanakkam!

Omandurar Government Estate sees…

# Marvellous statue for majestic Kalaignar

Announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 26.04.2022.

June 3, the birth anniversary of Dr.Kalaignar, will be celebrated as a Government function. On June 3 this year, a statue of Dr.Kalaignar will be unveiled at Omandurar Government Estate.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I would like to make a statement before the House with your permission.

'Tamils, O Tamils, Even if you throw me into the sea, I will float like a catamaran; you can get upon me and journey ahead. I will not capsize'.

'Tamils, O Tamils, Even if you throw me into the fire, I will burn as firewood with which you can cook'.

'Tamils, O Tamils, Even if you dash me against the votive rocks, I will break into votive coconut pieces. You can enjoy consuming the coconut meat'.

These are all not only the golden words of Dr.Kalaignar, but that he practised in life. Muthamizharignar, Leader of the Tamil race and Son of Anjugam Ammal, after grooming us all, he rests beside his beloved Anna on the shores of the Bay of Bengal, lullabies, enjoying the lullabies of the breeze and the happiness of the Tamil society.

Dr.Kalaignar is the only leader who won all the elections he contested. In all Assembly Elections, held between1957 to 2016, he was the only leader who won in all those elections. It was in Kulithalai in 1957, 1962 in Thanjavur, 1967 and 1971 in Saidapet, 1977 and 1980 in Anna Nagar, 1989 and 1991 in Chennai Harbour, 1996,2001,2006 in Chepauk and 2011 and 2016 in Tiruvarur. He was a member of the

Tamil Nadu Assembly for 13 times and was a Member of the House for about 60 years.

He was a Member of the Upper House in 1984. He ruled the State 5 times. He first took over as Chief Minister on 10.02.1969, for the second time on 15.03.1971, for third time on 27.01.1989, for the fourth time on 13.05.1996 and for the fifth time on 13.05.2006. He was the Chief Minister of the State for about 19 years.

It was Dr.Kalaignar who shaped modern Tamilagam during his five terms as the Chief Minister. Classical Status for the Tamil Language, Reservation in recruitment and promotion for Backward Classes, law to make all people from all communities as the Temple Archakas, law to provide share for women in property, Social Rights for Backward Class, Most Backward Classes and the Oppressed Class, free power for Agriculturists, Co-operative Loan waiver totalling Rs. 7,000 crore, Tidel Park in Taramani, Chennai Metro Rail Scheme for the Chennai City, formation of SIPCOT and SIDCO industrial Complexes, Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board and Namakku Namey Scheme.

Introduction of Emergency 108 service, Free Medical Insurance Scheme, Introduction of Mini Buses, Uzhavar Sandhai, Financial Assistance for Widow Remarriages, 30 per cent reservation for Women in Government appointments, 33 per cent reservation for women, Free LPG supply with stove, formation of Women Self-Help Groups, Periyar Samathuvapurams for all communities to live together, 3.5 per cent reservation for Muslims, inclusion of Urdu Speaking Muslims in the Backward Class List, Scrapping Entrance Examination, Free bus pass for students, Salem Steel Plant, Salem Railway Division, Nemmeli Desalination Plant, Hogenakkal Combined Water Supply Scheme, Ramanathapuram Combined water Scheme, Asia's biggest Anna Centenary Library in Chennai, Rehabilitation schemes for differently abled persons and Transgenders, formation of Universities, Medical Colleges and Arts and Science Colleges; I can go on listing the achievements of Dr.Kalaignar. The list is endless. If these are what make Tamil Nadu what it is today, it was Dr.Kalaignar who created all these identities for the State.

Dr.Kalaignar is the one leader who shared his life with all leaders. Thanthai Periyar, Perarignar Anna, Moodharignar Rajaji, Perunthalaivar Kamarajar, Kanniyathukuriya Quaid-e Millath, Pavendar Bharathidasan, Periyavar Bhakthavatchalam, Muthamizh Kaavalar K.A.P. Viswanathan, Makkal Thilagam M.G.R, Kaviarasu Kannadasan, Thirumuruga Kriubananda Variyar and Thavathiru Kudrakudi Adigalar.

Dr. Kalaignar was the torch bearer not only for Tamil Nadu but also for Indian politics. He was praised by former Indian Presidents Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy, Giani Zail Singh, V.V.Giri, Shankar Dayal Sharma, R.Venkataraman, K.R.Narayanan, A.P.J.Abdul Kalam and Pratibha Patil. Similarly, he was praised by former Prime Ministers, Indira Gandhi, V.P. Singh, Charan Singh, Deve Gowda, I.K.Gujral, Vajpayee and Manmohan Singh. For the first time in the history of the Indian Parliament, both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were adjourned expressing condolence over the demise of Dr.Kalaignar.

Dr.Kalaignar was a creative writer who competed with other creative writers, among poets he was the King of poets; in film world, he was the senior-most artist; in politics, he was the foremost leader known for his capable administration with subtle mastery; in an assembly he was the orator who commanded the triumphant word; he was the first among the firsts in all fields.

Dr.Kalaignar used to say that he could be deprived of the sceptre but not of his pen. Though he was deprived of the sceptre, he ruled through his pen. The Government was with him whether he was Chief Minister or not. He directed both the Government and the ebb and flow of politics. This Government wants to honour such a leader who shaped governance as well as politics. On June 3, the birth anniversary of Dr. Kalaignar, who was born in Tiruvarur as the son of the Muthuvelar-Anjugam couple will hereafter be celebrated as a Government function. I announce this on the floor of the House with exhilaration, ecstacy and gratitude.

I am proud to announce that on June 3 this year, his statue will be installed at the Omandurar Government Estate.

Only if you run a long distance, can you jump higher, Dr.Kalaignar used to say. He ran for a very long distance for the welfare of Tamils. So it is our duty to keep him on a higher pedestal.

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# Dravidian Model Government

The guiding principle of my Government is called the 'Dravidian Model'. Everything for everyone is the goal to serve my people. The content of the Dravidian Model governance includes self-respect, Social Justice, equality, fraternity, secularism, federalism, states with greater powers & equal rights for all ethnic groups in the country.

Everyone, including oppressed, poor, less privileged, marginalized people, women and minorities, the transgender and differently abled people - should enjoy all kinds of socio-economic benefits.

Giving freebies to these people is inevitable in the current condition of society. They aren't free offers, but their rights. Through these assistance to the poor, they too come to the forefront in societal competitions. Government has this duty towards social investments that help them to win in the race to progress among various sections of society that enjoys privileges at different levels. It is the duty of the Government to help them win the race

Debt waivers, tax reductions, and complete tax waiving for private enterprises are never dubbed as freebies, by some people. No one is accusing the Government by saying that we offer freebies to the corporate. But they slight us when we are extending concessions to the poor and downtrodden people as mere free offers. This attitude needs to be changed.

The Dravidian Model rule under my leadership will function with this Dravidian principles.

***- Thiru. M.K.Stalin***
*Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu*

# Dravidian Model Rule...

- ★ Everyone is to be guaranteed with education. We will provide not only school education, but also college education and higher education. This is the Dravidian Model rule!
- ★ Everyone is to be assured of a job. Not just any job, but a job that suits their qualifications. This is the Dravidian Model rule!
- ★ Everyone is to be given medical care. They do not have to come looking for that medical facility. We will go to where they are. This is the Dravidian Model rule!
- ★ This will be a regime of the marginalized people like the backward, the most backward, the scheduled, the tribal, the Irular and the Nari Kuravar. It will be a Social Justice regime. This is the Dravidian Model rule!
- ★ This Dravidian Model rule is not only for specific sectors of socio-economic space; but for every sector.
- ★ The Dravidian Model rule is not just for the urban development but also the rural development.
- ★ The Dravidian Model rule is not just for a few Districts but for the development of every District.
- ★ Everything to everyone; The Dravidian Model rule will ensure it.

***- Thiru. M.K.Stalin***
*Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu*

# A rule that personifies the great philosophies of our pioneers

I have been shaped by great leaders -

- ★ Thanthai Periyar in the principle of self-respect
- ★ Perarignar Anna in the idea of rising Tamil ethnic pride and rights
- ★ Muthamizharignar Kalaignar in leading the movement
- ★ Perasiriyar Anbazhagan in fighting for the language rights

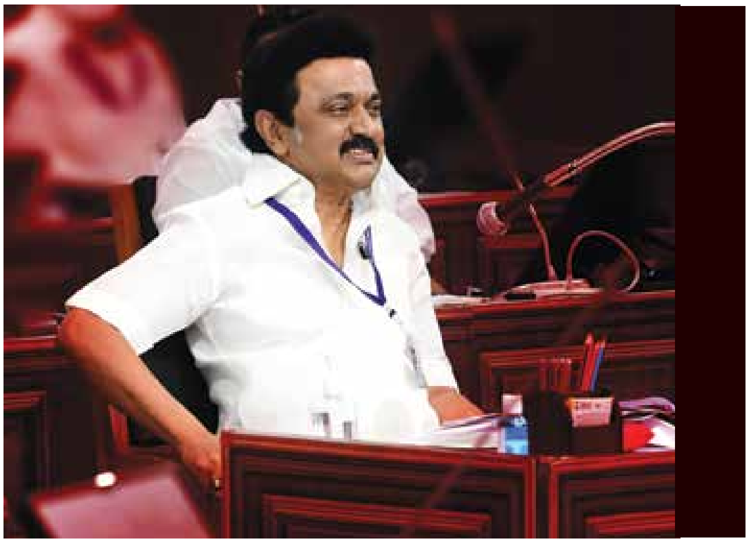
I stand under the supervision of these four. They are the sculptors who carved me! They are not just individuals, they symbolise the guiding philosophies for me. I want to be identified with them.

The 'Dravidian Model' is my philosophy. 'Model' is an English word. The correct Tamil word for it is 'Dravidaviyal Aatchimurai' (திராவிடவியல்ஆட்சிமுறை). The governance by Dravidian Philosophy is my doctrine. Inclusive growth is my guiding policy.

- ★ Our Government is based on the principles of Social Justice, equality, self-respect, linguistic dedication and ethnic rights, and state autonomy. Our growth must be based on that. Industrial growth, social change and educational development must occur simultaneously.
- ★ Development should not only be economic but also social. Economy, education, society, thought, and action must all improve together. That is what Periyar, Anna and Kalaignar wanted to see. That is the Dravidian Model development!

***- Thiru. M.K.Stalin***
*Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu*

# The objectives of Dravidian Model Governance



I wish to build Tamil Nadu as a state with educational development, industrial growth, social development, and development in thought process.

Society should progress through educational development.

The state should rise high through industrial and economic growth.

These are the objectives of the Dravidian Model rule.

This Government that is determined to establish Social Justice is implementing many schemes to uplift the poor and the marginalised peope and improve the standard of living of the Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribes, BC, MBC and the minorities.

There should be uniform growth in education, job opportunities, industrial and social development.

That growth should improve all communities alike.

All Districts should grow evenly. It must be nurtured so our society should shed its bias genderwise and discrimination by birth.

We need to change our society in favour of a gender-neutral, birth-neutral development.

This Dravidian ideology is 'everything for everyone'.

**- *Thiru. M.K.Stalin***

*Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu*

# Government based on ideology and service

Governments can be divided into two categories: One is ideologically-based and another is service-based.

A Government that speaks too much of ideology may show constrictions in providing his welfare assistance to the people.

A Government that shows interest in giving concessions to people may be indifferent in the goals of its movement.

But I think a Government should be of both; an ideologically driven Government that does vast services to the people. I wish to conduct an ideological and service oriented Government at the same time.

My ideological rule is called the 'Dravidian Model' governance.

Over half-century ago, the Tamil community renounced the caste titles without enacting a separate law for it. The Dravidian ideology is that such a Tamil community should not still uphold caste in its mind too.

Women who are 50% in society are entitled to got all the rights. The Dravidian ideology says that just because one is a woman, she is not secondary gender - wise.

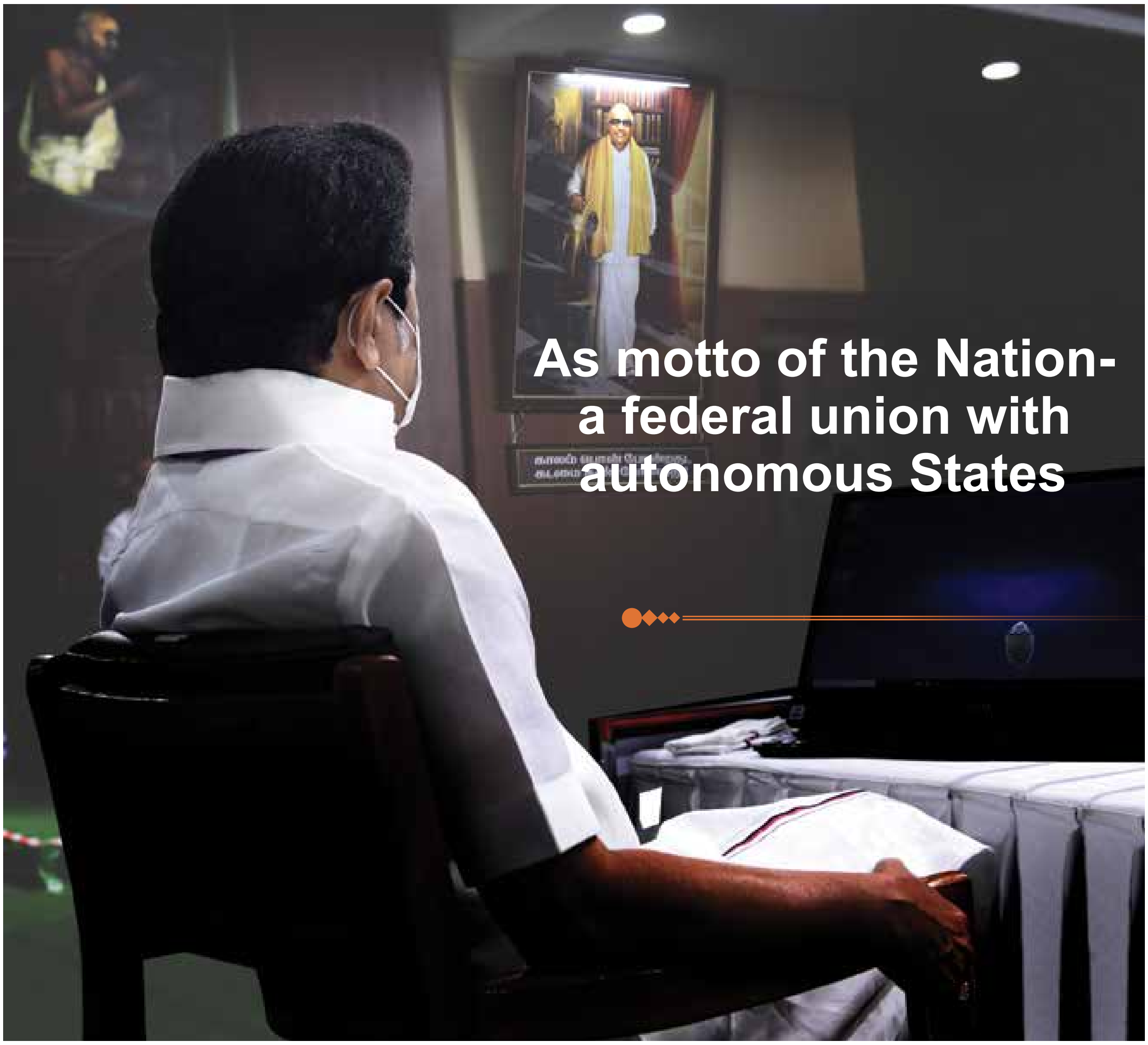
Dravidian doctrine is to transform the oppressed society into a politically empowered society through Social Justice.

India is a mixture of different ethnicities. The Dravidian doctrine upholds that all nationalities should be given equal rights. India is a federation of states. That is what the Constitution says. All states should be autonomous with greater powers. The Dravidian doctrine is that the Union Government of India, a union of these states, should function in a federal manner.

This Dravidian doctrine should be spread not only in Tamil Nadu but to the whole of India.

**- *Thiru. M.K.Stalin***

*Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu*



# As motto of the Nation- a federal union with autonomous States

We as holding power in Tamil Nadu, have a responsibility to uphold India's pluralism, secularism, equality, and fraternity. Other states have started following our Social Justice principle.

Other States are beginning to talk about our state autonomy. Leaders of other states are also beginning to speak out about the language rights that we have spoken so far.

Other states are beginning to implement our various programs in their respective states.

As one giving noble governance to the people of Tamil Nadu, we will do our duty of sowing the seeds of our Dravidian philosophy throughout India.

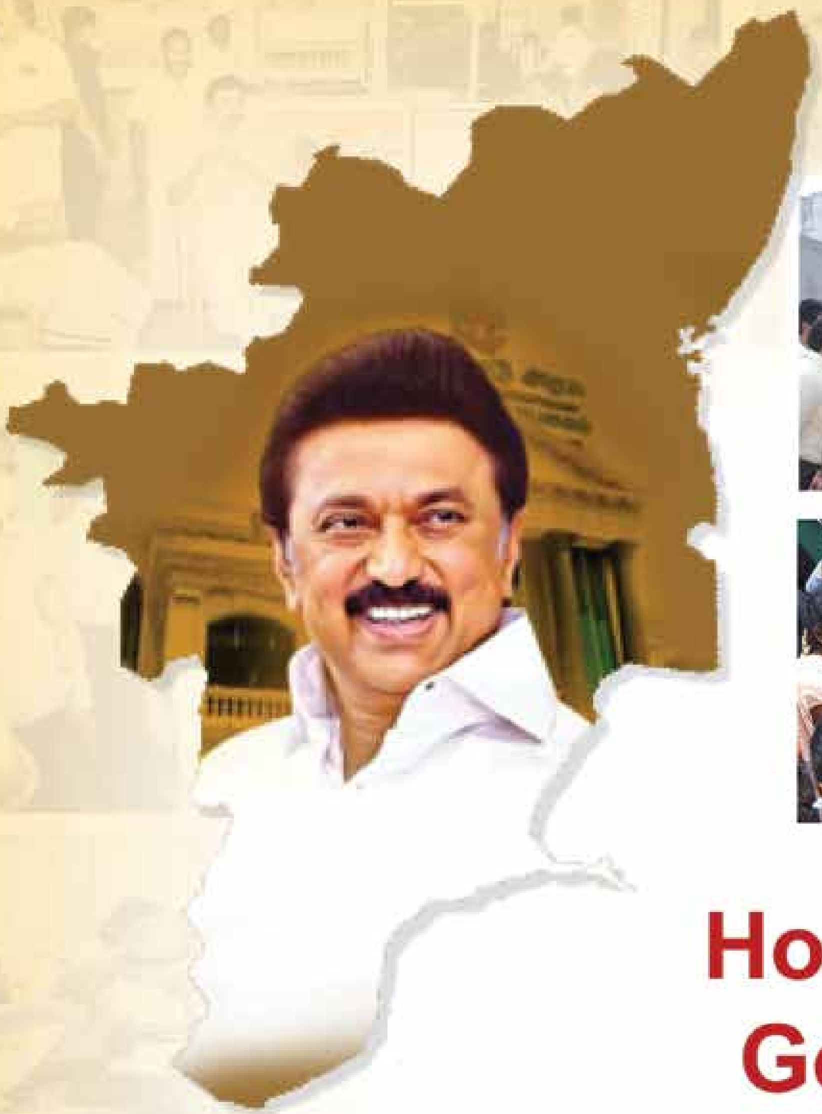
'Autonomy in the state - federalism in the Union' should be transformed into a slogan for the whole of India.

Likewise, it should be changed from just a rule of law - to that of a rule of Social Justice.

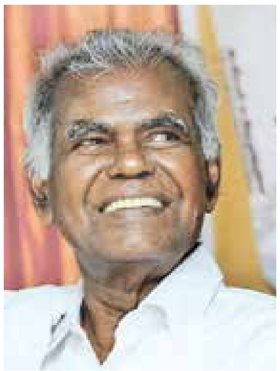
All communities should be given their rightful reservation. The right to life of the backward, the most backward, the scheduled, and the tribal people must be protected. The philosophy of Social Justice is the right solution to transform the poor, under privileged, oppressed, rural, marginalized people into politically empowered people.

- ***Thiru. M.K.Stalin***

*Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu*



# How I see this Government



# A Government Which is the Guiding Light for the whole of India

**R. Nallakannu,**
**Communist Party of India**

A divisive, communal, regressive Government is ruling at the Union level. Earlier there was a party ruling Tamil Nadu which was hand in glove with it. The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) faced the elections in this context.

DMK president Thiru. M.K. Stalin brought all key political parties of Tamil Nadu together, providing ample representation for the friendly parties with empathy. His tireless hard work and the combined strength of the alliance partners were key in defeating communal forces in Tamil Nadu, ensuring a popular mandate for DMK.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin had to face as the first challenge after assuming office, the daunting task of handling Covid pandemic. Unlike the goof-ups of the previous regime, the DMK Government was swift enough to tackle it in a span of a few months. Modern medical practices were harnessed, Covid vaccination was sped up and he saved people from the spread of the virus. Hon'ble Chief Minister delivered on his election promises, each one of them in a step by step manner. And he continues doing it. It could be a reduction in the price of petrol, Aavin milk or free rides for Women in Government buses. All these promises were met instantly.

Illam Thedi Kalvi (Education at the Doorsteps) scheme, healthcare at the reach of the people, program to save the precious lives during emergencies were all his commendable contributions. It shows how foresightful he is. All these schemes would be etched in the history of Tamil Nadu as contributions of Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam. He has been fighting for state autonomy, especially keeping in mind the future of Tamil Nadu. He is responding with an understanding on the importance of protecting the Tamil language. Hon'ble Chief Minister is taking the state on a progressive path by driving economic growth, empowering the Tamil language.

It could be reservations in medical seats or for students who studied in Tamil medium, the DMK Government has been successful in its efforts to ensure Social Justice. If Tamil Nadu is considered as a frontline state among the states, for fighting against usurping of state rights, and becoming a role model in it, all the credit goes to Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin.

My best wishes to him on his good governance. He should carry on with his good work. I am confident that he will. Best wishes.

# Our Chief Minister is the identity of Tamil Nadu

**P.Chidambaram, M.P,**
**Former Minister, Union of India**

He began his journey even before attaining the age to vote. Today he is the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. This journey symbolizes tireless hard work on the part of Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin. I am amazed by his sheer hard work.

Irrespective of representing whichever party, each one of the youngsters venturing into politics should imbibe him. This is my humble opinion.

The fact that Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin has allocated 45,000 crore of budget funds to education is the most commendable thing in my view. It gives me immense pleasure that he is giving equal importance to rural development, especially agriculture which is its backbone. It shows the sharp understanding Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin has of the agriculture sector.

When 'intellectuals' are calling for absolute abolition of subsidies, the Chief Minister has understood the pain of the poor and allocated Rs. 7,500 crore for food subsidies, Rs. 19,297 crore electricity subsidy, Rs. 1,520 crore for providing free rides in Government buses for women, Rs. 928 crore for free bus pass for students, Rs. 1,300 crore diesel subsidy. The manner in which the Chief Minister continues to provide subsidies is commendable.

Even while battling with the Union Government to get the legitimate dues for Tamil Nadu, the DMK Government has kickstarted three key things to tap internal revenue sources.

In the budget, it saw the lending is reduced, revenue deficit is also considerably reduced, and fiscal deficit is too largely reduced, all at the same time. With a single effort, the DMK Government is reaching these three targets.

When elections were held last year, I sought votes based on the weightage accorded to the words of Thiru. M.K. Stalin. Now I am appreciating him based on his deeds too, after the completion of a year of Governance.

Thiru. M.K. Stalin symbolizes the principles he stands for and the assurances he had given. And he has also become the identity of the entire Tamil Nadu that he rules. ●

# Garnering Praise Locally and Globally

Prof. KM Kader Mohideen, M.A., ExM.P.,
National President, Indian Union Muslim League

Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin is completing his first year of his term in office. The rule under his leadership is seeing a golden era, for the entire Tamil-speaking World.

It is a democratic norm to judge a Government by its performance in the five-year term. But it has become a trend to judge a Government not when it completes one year of its term, but within a few months and days.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister isn't just our Chief Minister, instead, he is for all of us. He is not just one among us, but the best in all ways, manners and aspects. He is such a good Chief Minister that he makes each one of us feel the greatness within us. Such is the hard work of this fantastic Chief Minister, a good Chief Minister and, the best Chief Minister among many states. He is a Chief Minister who pushes hard, spending each and every minute with his dedication, to make Tamil Nadu the best state and getting praised by Women, Men, and School children alike. The appreciation is ceaseless and happens each day.

The election manifesto released by political parties deal with the five year plan to implement if they are chosen for power. They are just a collection of estimates. But Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin has given 505 promises in the election manifesto, and he has achieved almost 75% of them already, That too with applause from locally and globally, shining with his achievements.

Thalapathy M.K. Stalin's Government has influenced the historians to think about starting the world history from on the banks of Kaveri, Vaigai and Thamirabarani. What was foretold by Vincent Smith, Manonmaniam Sundaram Pillai, Perarignar Anna in the last century, is now getting a new life on the archeological sites in Tamil Nadu, under the leadership of Thiru. M.K. Stalin, and force them to rewrite the history of India and start it from South India. The Government of Tamil Nadu has established this achievement.

Long live ancient Tamil

Let Tamils, who symbolizes goodness, flourish

Let the good governance prevailing in Tamil Nadu, the golden era of Tamil Nadu, and the people's Government percolate to all parts of India. Let this good Government be praised all over India. I am hopeful of that, all have this strong hope.

Today is better than yesterday!

Tomorrow will be much better! ●

# Let the Welfare State Renaissance Flourish

Thavathiru
Ponnambala Adigalar

The term under Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin is going to complete its one year. The achievements he has made possible, however, are endless.

He had the daunting task of protecting people from the Covid pandemic when he took over governance. He had to save human lives. He did a great job in stopping the monstrous virus from taking lives. It could be deluge, floods or cyclone, he acted fast and ensured all sorts of rehabilitation. All the credits go to Thiru. M.K. Stalin. He implemented many schemes in lightning speed, including free rides for Women in Government buses empowering them.

Thiru. M.K. Stalin's achievements in forming a high level advisory panel to recover assets of temples worth hundreds of crores. He was also instrumental in developing temples, that too in a short span of time. The Hindu Religious Endowment Board is ensuring water supply, sanitation, free food and staying facilities for all the devotees.

The "priesthood for all" scheme has been implemented. Temples have been renovated without destroying their antiquity. Thiru. M.K. Stalin is credited for conducting countless Kudamuzhakku (consecrations) which deserve a hearty thanks.

Providing 7.5% reservation for students from Government schools in medicine, exemption from NEET, Illam Thedi Kalvi (Education at the doorsteps), Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam (Healthcare at the reach of the people) and other achievements of this Government are ongoing. The DMK Government under Thiru. M.K. Stalin has achieved what could be achieved in 100 years, that too in various sectors like Agriculture, Education, Healthcare, Spirituality.

A man of simplicity, he always welcomes people with a charming smile. He is also a trouble shooter. Let the achievements of Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin continue with more vigour.

Let the welfare state and the consequent renaissance made possible flourish. Let a new blissful Tamil Nadu blossom in which all the citizens get everything under the sky.

# Lustre of Dravidian rule shines the world over

Kaviperarasu
Vairamuthu

'Words can be described as bronze. But deeds are golden'. This Turkish proverb is always close to our heart. Words are lent by language. Actions are what is the identity of individuals. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Thalapathy lives by this proverb, prioritizing actions rather than words. That's why he is a noted personality in politics and governance.

Thalapathy M.K. Stalin has completed just one year. But his deeds have created an impression of rule that had stretched for many years. I take cognizance of one particular aspect. Instead of taking all the credits on himself, he is crediting it for the 'Dravidivian Model.' This is what I consider a crown on his honour.

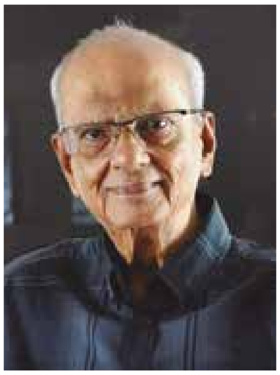
Periyar had specific goals for Tamil Nadu. Anna drew a line for the same. Kalaignar built a structure on the framework. Thalapathy M.K. Stalin is settling Tamils in this house and brightly lights their lives. This is not just a 100 day scheme, but one which would last for centuries.

He wasn't endowed with a resourceful Tamil Nadu. Healthcare and the economy were in tatters when he took over the power. He lifted back Tamil Nadu to normalcy with minimal impact of Covid. And that was proof that Tamil Nadu had appointed an able Chief Minister. The appreciation is a word-of-mouth publicity shared in each household.

I am not in a position to cite a section of the society which hasn't benefited under his rule. Just like rays of the Sun radiating its energy onto the species lying in the unfathomable depths of an ocean, his Government is benefitting each and every living species of Tamil Nadu. Men, women, third gender, life forms, agricultural plants and all are getting benefited with the goodness of his rule. Equality, Social Justice, equal justice for all, equal opportunities for all… This Dravidian Model is a culmination of all these. And this greatness is resounding on all directions.

After a very long time a great national leader is emerging from Tamil Nadu. This trending talk is echoing in every language of this country. The only way for this country to benefit more and more from this commanding Chief Minister is for the entire Tamil population to hold him high; to encourage him. Waiting for my turn, I, congratulate the Chief Minister for having performed great things in one year what could have taken up 5 years.

Muthamizharignare! Moodharignare! En Thamizh Aasaan Avargalae! There is no grievance in Tamil nadu baring your absence to see your son's great performance and fame.



# Reaching the Highest Point of Political Possibilities

**Indira Parthasarathy,**
**Writer**

There is a saying, 'politics is the art of the possible.' Politics is nothing but achieving whatever is possible with a consistent, sharp approach. The DMK Government which has completed its one year term recently, has lived upto its excellency so far.

One should never compare and confuse electoral promises and administrative possibilities. Immediately after taking over the reins, the DMK Government had put brakes on the spread of Covid. In itself it is a big achievement. The next challenge was the huge debt burden left over by the previous AIADMK Government, which was in complete disarray. Even amidst this difficult context, the DMK Government has fulfilled promises given to the economically downtrodden section of the society. It has to be specifically appreciated.

The hard work of the people and the skillful actions of the Ministers are the wheels of governance. Only when these two wheels run in tandem the vehicle can move forward. 'Freebies' discredit hard labor of the masses. That a majority of Tamils has understood its properlywas evident in the local body elections. Freebies can satisfy people in the short run. But it can never help the long term economic growth of Tamil Nadu or for the economic improvement of the recipients. The budget released by the DMK Government is a proof for a solid understanding of this logic.

In today's context women need to be provided higher education. Especially the poor folk. To hold up in esteem, have guts to fight for their legitimate rights, to become independent, higher education is a must for women. This Government has understood the importance of education in making them equal. That's why they are funding the education of women till higher education. This is a far better help than providing doles for getting married.

Making temples free of caste discrimination and making qualified people from all walks of life as archakas is a scheme of this Government which ensures Social Justice. This has been implemented only in Tamil Nadu, not anywhere else in India. The sanctum sanctorum of our temples would resonate with Tamil sounds. This is a dream come true. That too of the 12th century Social Justice Reformer Ramanujar.

The son of Muthuvel Karunanidhi, Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin is credited with many such achievements. I appreciate him for these achievements from the bottom of my heart. ●

# A Regime Which is an Icon of Social Justice

Hon'ble Justice
**Hariparanthaman**
*(Retired)*

It was a historical turning point when Perarignar Anna spearheaded a change in the regime in 1967. From that moment onwards the Government of Tamil Nadu has been working tirelessly to ensure Social Justice enshrined in the preface of the Constitution of India; on all fronts.

Tamil Nadu is a model Government when it comes to implementing Social Justice. That is precisely the reason behind Chief Minister's clarion call to form an All-India Alliance for Social Justice. He has also formed a committee to oversee implementation of Social Justice. The birth anniversary of Thanthai Periyar, 17th September, has been announced as the day of Social Justice. If all parties have joined together in passing legislation to get exemption from the NEET exam for medical admission, we have to thank the strong foundations laid by the Justice party. An exemption from NEET is expected on two accounts. One, it asserts state autonomy enshrined in the Constitution of India. Two, it would help people living on the fringes become medical professionals. The people of the state hope the Government of Tamil Nadu will succeed in getting exemption from NEET.

All political parties of Tamil Nadu fought a long legal battle to get reservation in higher education medical seats. The strong foundations of Social Justice are the cornerstone for such achievements. This is a precedent which is going to help students from oppressed sections of all states of India to get reservation in higher education medical seats. This is going to be an important milestone in the journey of Social Justice of Tamil Nadu.

Empowering women is an important aspect of Social Justice. If the Government of Tamil Nadu ensures women are allocated 50% reservation in the local body elections, it is also part of Social Justice. Out of the 21 Corporations of Tamil Nadu, 11 are presided by Women. It is a great achievement.

Providing 40% reservation for women in job opportunities is also going to empower women. Tamil Nadu is taking a pioneering role in such an initiative. Tamil Nadu has 13 High Court Judges who are women. It's unforseen anywhere in India. When it comes to women judges, many states don't cross the single digit. The scheme providing free rides for women in Government buses, providing Rs. 1,000 incentive to school students moving up the ladder of higher education institutions are great achievements of this Government. Let this Government succeed in such accomplishments.

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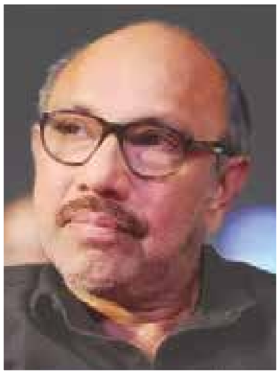

# The Government that Stands for all of us

**Sathyaraj,**
Actor

It was Anna (CN Annadurai) who established the first Government of the Dravidian movement in 1967. He provided the epithet Tamil Nadu, which symbolizes the home land of Tamils. Pandit Ayothithass, Sir Thiagarajar, Panagal Arasar Periyar, Anna, Kalaignar all had dreams for Tamil Nadu. The dreams came true on that day.

The Dravidian movement has a history of 100 years. The political history stretches for an uninterrupted 55 year journey. The schemes implemented in this part of the country are proof of the dreams of the leaders of this movement. It could be Anna, Kalaignar or MGR, all of them never deviated from the ethos of Dravidian movement.

Today we are a developed state when compared with other states of India. It is a development of thought process, education, human resources indices and the development of overall life. Behind all this hard work and success is the Dravidian doctrine. And Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin is pushing forward it as the "Dravidian Model." He is actually making the model for the whole of India to follow.

I am amazed by Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin's sheer hard work, implementation of number of welfare schemes in the last one year of his rule. I would like to list a few of them. One, commemorating September 17$^{th}$ as day of Social Justice. That is an important announcement. This doesn't just honor the great thinker Periyar, who is a shield for Tamil Nadu. This is also an announcement that safeguards our dignity.

Launching a scheme providing Rs. 1,000 stipend for girl students doing higher education is one another commendable announcement. The enrollment rate of students entering higher education from schooling is the highest in Tamil Nadu. At present the enrollment rate is 50%. But I am hopeful this scheme will make it to 100%.

I always try to choose the best. In that sense, I would say Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin's rule is the best. He is inclusive and always in close touch with the public. He always wants to protect communal harmony. He is a continuation of the tradition of Periyar, Anna and Kalaignar. That's why I consider this Government of Tamil Nadu stands for all of us.

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# One Man Single-handedly Ensures Good Governance in Tamil Nadu

**Suki Sivam**
Orator

It was a double whammy. On the one side it was Covid wreaking havoc. On the other side is an empty exchequer. Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin took over the Government in this difficult context. But he is standing tall now, having won over not just the Covid pandemic, but also his adversaries and overcoming the fiscal issues.

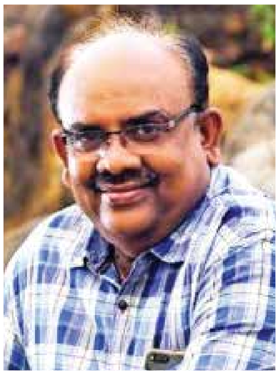
The Chief Minister and I are college time friends. He himself had acknowledged it in his autobiography. He honored me with an award at Muthamizh Peravai (Forum of three Tamil art forms) even before he took over as the Chief Minister. I felt hurt when a few fringe elements branded me 'anti-Hindu.' By making me a member of the advisory committee of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Department he has applied medicine on the emotional hurt I had suffered.

On the first day of the book release function he was 'UNGALIL ORUVAN'. The next day he was 'Naan Mudhalvan.' Nothing comes from vacuum, including a Chief Minister. He has come as 'one among us.' This is the message the Chief Minister is conveying to the youngsters and students of this State.

No one could have imagined this. Neither historians, editors of media, political observers… No one would have imagined Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin would preside over such a great rule. He has envisioned what he is going to do in the next 10 years of his take over, while he was sitting in the opposition for 10 years. If not, he couldn't have delivered such a governance.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin is a one man army. He single-handedly deals with whatever needs to be done. Whether to grill someone, where to grill someone… And he has all the necessary tools. He clearly knows what to open, what not to open. He has the panacea for all the issues that come his way. He knows the exact buttons to click, to get the exact results required.

You know Spiderman from the movies, right? He arrives at the right place, at the right time. Such is our Chief Minister. People who are used to seeing Spiderman on the big screen are seeing it in real life. The public are relying upon Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin as the Spiderman who has arrived to solve their real life issues.



# A Government at the Reach of the Common Man

**S.Ramakrishnan,**
**Writer**

The Government formed under Thiru. M.K. Stalin, which has completed a year in power, has many commendable achievements to its credit. Transparent governance, good action plan, guidance of abled experts, steady recovery of the economy… What not. By bringing in new schemes for the benefit of women, agriculture sector, industries, social good, women empowerment Tamil Nadu is becoming the topmost state in the country.

The Government has to be appreciated for announcing pioneering schemes to enrich Tamil language, literature and culture. Literary award for writers, providing housing for award winning writer, making their dreams come true, Kalaignar memorial library in Madurai, Best Tamilian award, the museum of the collections from Keezhadi, Book Fairs at all Districts, a permanent Book Park in Chennai, awards for best journalists and media organizations, library reform committee… All these have to be credited to this Government.

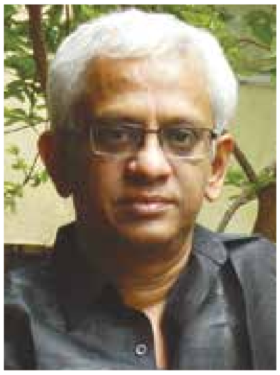
My heartfelt appreciation to this Government which celebrates its creative artists. Whether it is literature, movies, sports… Irrespective of the domain this Chief Minister invites achievers and contributors and congratulates them. The common man today feels they can reach the people in power. This Government has instilled that belief.

The achievements this Government has made possible in one single year are countless. They have helped Tamil Nadu to recover from the impact of a pandemic and are pushing it on the side of the growth front.

It is giving preference in employment for those who have studied in Tamil medium under Government schools. The families of Sri Lankan refugees living in camps are provided Rs. 4,000 monthly stipend. Women can travel free of cost in Government buses. Electricity connections for 1 lakh farmers. Chief Minister in your constituency scheme. Healthcare at the doorstep scheme. Home schooling scheme. Government Order ensuring people from all communities can become priests in temples. Rs. 5 crore allocation for archeological survey. A separate budget for farming. All these schemes make me proud of this Government.

I am confident the unparalleled budget is going to push the economic growth of the state further ahead. It is a paperless budget. It is the first time the budget has been presented through the digital medium.

I have to heartily appreciate the Government and Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin, who is taking the state on a positive growth trajectory, with great dreams to attain for Tamil Nadu.



# Ideological core of the Tamils' movement

Artist
**Trotsky Marudhu**

Sensing the prevalence of a highly dangerous and dominant attitude trying to destroy Tamils' identity, this Government has been functioning with a plan to counter this strategy and protect Tamils' identities from becoming extinct. The DMK regime's initiatives to give a complete form of action for an all-encompassing Social Justice are proof enough of the Government's intentions.

Establish the history of South (India) through art-related activities; Implement the historic necessity to bring out history via video mode; Connecting Tamil race to the global community by completely modernizing art and education; Creating new backdrops/arena extensively for facilitating joint activities and develop understanding among various forms of art; Creating an independent mechanism wherein contemporary artistes have the liberty to operate freely in that backdrop/arena.

Retrieving the significance of documentation and nurture the same. With such deeds, the Government is proceeding in a direction which has instilled supreme confidence in our minds.

During Kalaignar Karunanidhi's period, he was the power centre of a wholesome Tamil movement. By duly stepping into the shoes of his illustrious father, Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin has since become the voice of Tamils on the global arena!

As an artist, I can only feel ecstatic and elated besides feeling confident. Go ahead and continue your exemplary tasks, our dear Chief Minister!

# Cultured Government that doesn't sow the seeds of enmity

**Bharathi Krishnakumar**, Writer

The DMK Government in Tamil Nadu has just completed a year in office. Congratulations to the new regime! During last year's Assembly polls, I earnestly longed for the electoral success of the DMK- led secular Democratic Progressive Alliance and the DMK's return to power.

Our country's diversity, its various colours and hues and the countless thought processes are akin to an endearing rainbow; I was, therefore, curious to witness a Government, which would hold it together, take over the reins of the State. This was also the duty, order, need and opinion of the hour.

Those who sowed only the seeds of enmity and grew poisonous fruits had acquired power (some years back); in such a backdrop, Tamils had duly realized their dream of growing a huge tree which not only gave sweet fruits but also provided the much-needed comfort of shadow to all.

The DMK Government has been functioning in a well-mannered way, not sowing seeds of enmity and keeping ills such as religious and caste-based hatred at bay. This Government has transformed itself into a 'teacher' who visits his students' households to teach them (Illam Thedi Kalvi scheme) so as to safeguard continuous education for the poor.

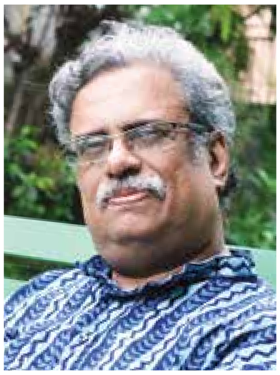
The Government has taken head-on the Centre's discriminatory treatment of holding entrance exam ('entrance exam not for the educated students but for those students yearning to study further') by passing valour-filled resolutions on the floor of the Legislative Assembly. These are not mere resolutions passed by the Assembly: these are historic documents which would amend history and facilitate a new verdict!

More than anything else, this Government is working non-stop in developing and taking forward our language (Tamil) in all possible ways. Tamils are certain to stand by this Government's side as the rulers have proved that their hearts beat for Tamil!

Finally, this Government - which is an off-shoot of the Self-Respect Movement - has honoured Tamil scholars like me (who are over-awed by the richness of Tamil as a language) with awards without even making us sweat by applying for the award, thus protecting our self-respect!

I look at this Government with love, kindness and ecstasy for its high-quality and diverse performance; I can only wish that this Government lasts long for many, many years! ●

# Guided by Thiruvalluvar



**Prof. Rajan Kurai,**
**Jawaharlal Nehru University,**
**New Delhi.**

During last year's Assembly polls, I was also among those who had downloaded the 'Stalin Ani' software on my mobile phone due to which one particular song would play frequently on the phone.

It was the ஸ்டாலின்தான்வர்றாரு, விடியல்தரப்போறாரு ('Stalin would come to provide dawn to the people') that I'm referring to.

At that time, this song could only be felt like an instrument to propagate the DMK's ideals. In the hindsight, it now appears that it was a song conceived literally to predict the future! Yes, of course; Thiru. M.K. Stalin has come and has been providing the much-needed dawn for sure!

A separate book may have to be written to mention the constructive works undertaken by the present regime during the past year.

Let me point out some of those works briefly:

Retrieving the honour of the Legislative Assembly and making it a place for meaningful activities to take place. Efficient functioning of day-to-day Government machineries.

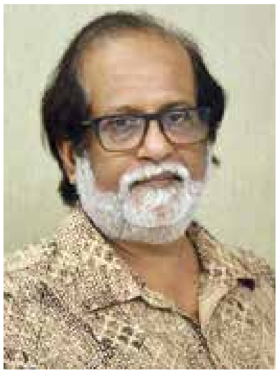
Grievance redressal actions. Journey to achieve Social Justice and State's autonomy.

Actions taken in Parliament. Appreciation of work of Tamil scholars.

This is what Saint Thiruvalluvar has exactly brought out as the qualities of a leader who allocates work to the appropriate person to complete the task on hand:

**இதனை இவனால்இவன்முடிக்கும் என்றாய்ந்து அதனைஅவன்கண் விடல்.**

# One war is over; battlelines are drawn for the next war!



**R. Vijayashankar,**
**Editor, Frontline**

The DMK-Government headed by Thiru. M.K. Stalin took over the State's reins at a time when the whole world was involved in a relentless war against corona virus pandemic. This was probably the only Government which took over the reins on the battle-field itself!

The new regime had a mountain of challenges before it to climb: an empty exchequer and a baffling debt burden left over by a Government sans self-respect and a Government which failed to protect the State's due rights during the past four years while it was in power.

Contrary to the Modi Government's inactive stance of uttering things beyond rationalism during the war against corona, Thiru. M.K. Stalin took to the field straightaway to instill a sense of confidence in people's minds. Instead of showering frontline healthcare workers and field workers with flowers, Thiru. M.K. Stalin donned the PPE himself to visit Hospitals (where corona patients were being treated) to encourage the healthcare professionals including doctors, nurses, medical attendants, etc.

After winning the war against Corona with aplomb, our Chief Minister launched another war to protect State's rights and defeat communal forces. The Chief Minister simply marches on: one war is over and he now gets ready for another war!

As far as I'm concerned, the huge achievement of the DMK regime during the past year has been the endeavours taken by Thiru. M.K. Stalin to assuage people's needs by providing them with immediate corona relief allowance after they suffered for four years due to utter mismanagement of healthcare system and the breakdown of economic infrastructure.

# This is a Principled Government

Prof.
**Subha Gunarajan**

To some, it might look like a huge surprise that the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) appears to be always in power!

As per the policies governing the DMK, the party has always followed the principle that 'governance is nothing but (taking up) responsibility'. DMK's founder Perarignar Anna has always had this as his political mantra: 'Being in power ought to be taken as an opportunity to serve the people'. Kalaignar Karunanidhi, the sculptor who carved the modern Tamil Nadu by studiously following Anna's footsteps and by setting in motion the 'Dravidian Model of governance', is undoubtedly the greatest ruler of the Indian sub-continent.

The biggest strength of the Dravidian Model of governance is the thought process set in motion by Kalaignar's mode of governance. Whether in power or not, it became the bounden duty of the DMK to 'regulate' the governance. Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin, the 'philosophic heir' of the trio of Thanthai Periyar, Perarignar Anna and Kalaignar Karunanidhi, has taken up the onerous responsibility of scorching the darkness that has enveloped the State for the past ten years. This time, though, his services are needed not only for Tamil Nadu but for the whole of India!

Those political parties which hadn't acquired requisite or ambiguous thoughts about rationalism-based self-respect and doctrines of Social Justice are continuing to face defeat at the hands of others as they view politics only as a means of usurping/acquiring power.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin has taken the field this time with the twin tools of (achieving) Social Justice and a federal republic of India. The immediate need of the hour is to create a political federation which preserves and protects not only the interests of Tamil Nadu but also of the Indian Union. ●

# The Chief Minister who has fulfilled every expectation!

**Ponvannan,** Cine Artist

Hon'ble Thiru. M.K. Stalin, who took over as the Chief Minister of the State at a time when the pandemic was in full flow, faced challenges aplenty despite winning the Assembly polls by a mammoth majority.

The biggest challenge the Hon'ble Chief Minister faced was, without an iota of doubt, the pressure to out-perform his illustrious predecessors such as the DMK's founder Anna and his father Kalaignar Karunanidhi. It was indeed a huge expectation from the people too as they looked forward Thiru. M.K. Stalin to administratively leap-frog Anna and Kalaignar.

But he earned a great support from the people through the 'people's scheme' he signed on this very first day of assuming office and the appointment straight forward officers to the posts from that of the Principal secretary to private secretaries of Chief Minister and so in all departments as he has realized that officers and Ministers are the prime course for successful governance and for implementation as per his directions.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister is scripting himself as the next face of the Dravidian politics with his visionary outlook in all sectors, concern for the next generation and continuing the development of various sectors like education, health, industry, Social Justice etc., and the next political leader in the live of Periyar, Arignar Anna and Kalaignar.

Let his year-long achievements which have impressed people, critics as well as the media and upped their expectation levels, continue further!

My affection and good wishes to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and all those who support the good administration! ●

# A regime which has overcome challenges!

Public Speaker
Raja

During the past one year, the DMK Government has accomplished plenty of achievements that have gladdened the hearts of people from all sections of society!

In my opinion, the announcement about providing free travel to girls and women in City buses (normal fare) is quite a significant one.

It's an excellent scheme which could help lakhs of women across the State working as temporary, daily and low wage earners save a few hundred rupees every month from their salary.

As far as I'm concerned, providing Rs.1,000 as monthly honorarium for Government School girl students pursuing graduation courses is the pinnacle of all the achievements of the DMK regime!

Many challenges of multiple dimensions awaited the DMK, when it returned to power in the State after ten long years.

The first and foremost challenge was the corona virus pandemic, which had shaken up the whole world. Starting with this challenge, the DMK regime faced and overcame many challenges in an efficient manner. Moreover, this regime is to be lauded sky-high for silently achieving many things with its administrative capabilities. ●

# Retrieving Temple properties and the concept of 'Manjapai'

Public Speaker
Bharathi Baskar

Recently, I visited the ongoing Book Fair at Thiruvallur District. This was the first-ever Book Fair held in that District after it was formed 25 years ago.

The DMK regime's diktat to organize Book Fairs in all Districts in the State was being implemented with full force at the venue.

I was extremely happy to personally note people's more-than-usual interest in purchasing books of all kinds at the Book Fair inaugurated and supervised by the District Collector.

Whenever a Book Fair is organized, it doesn't merely refer to the business of selling books and earning profits; on the contrary, Book Fairs facilitate exchange of intellectual and cultural activities. What I witnessed at the Book Fair was proof of the success of the DMK regime!

Another important announcement which caught my attention was the return of 'Manjapai' (yellow bag) replacing plastic covers/bags.

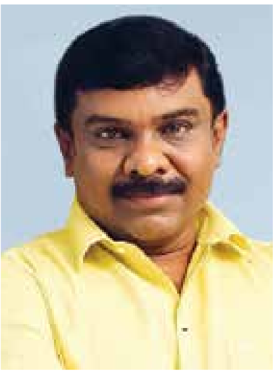
I have always firmly believed in the adage 'Sivan Sothu; Kula Nasam' (entire clan of the person who keeps Lord Shiva's properties would be wiped off).

Today, the DMK regime has been taking sincere and adequate efforts to retrieve properties belonging to all the temples in Tamil Nadu.

What more do I need to feel ecstatic as an author and a speaker? ●

# CM: Voice of the voiceless!

**Senthilvel**
**Media Professional**



It's been exactly one year since the DMK regime took over the reins in Tamil Nadu. Right from Day One of his rule, Hon'ble Thiru. M.K. Stalin has been displaying excellent political culture and maturity, thus making people feel that they have made the right choice by electing him as the Chief Minister during last year's Assembly polls.

It was in 2016 when the then Leader of the Opposition Thiru. M.K. Stalin was deliberately allotted a seat among the back rows at the swearing-in ceremony of Selvi J Jayalalithaa. However, at his swearing-in ceremony in 2021, Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin treated AIADMK's convenor (and former Chief Minister) O. Panneerselvam with respect and seated him in the front row. Again, during the tea-party hosted by the Hon'ble Governor, the Chief Minister accorded proper respect to OPS, thus teaching his political manners to his political adversaries.

When the Chief Minister enacted a law to allow persons from all castes to become Archagars (priests) at temples, it revealed his firm resolves in ensuring Social Justice. The announcement that women, girls, physically challenged persons and those from the transgender community would be allowed to travel free-of-costs in city buses (normal fare) made us realize that the Chief Minister is indeed echoing the voice of the voiceless!

When the self-respect of the perennially weak Narikurava community was maligned, the Hon'ble Chief Minister's gesture of personally visiting them to assure that he was with them touched the emotional chords of many of us. It showed his determination that his Government should be helpful not only to the non-voters to the DMK but to those who cannot champion their own cause.

Hon'ble Chief Minister's far-sightedness in choosing a Dalit woman as the mayor of Chennai (that too from a locality – North Chennai – which is hardly known for giving equal space for women) reveals his keen interest in distributing power among the oppressed classes of society.

The list can go endless…I can only wish our Hon'ble Chief Minister a huge success in the latest war he has waged in Indian political arena beyond Tamil Nadu's boundaries! ●

# A leader for all beyond all differences

**Shriram Sharma**
Writer - Director

If the whole country is looking keenly at Tamil Nadu today, there can only be one reason: our Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin!

Thiru. M.K. Stalin is primarily responsible for the triple triumph of the DMK in the Lok Sabha, Assembly and Local Body polls.

'Thannai Velvaan Dharaniyai Velvaan' ('One who conquers self can conquer the whole world') were Perarignar Anna's words of wisdom to Kalaignar Karunanidhi; it's easy to find out that these words suit our Hon'ble Chief Minister, hundred percent.

Stalin's style of taking along everyone with him with extreme patience and abundant maturity while discharging his duty of administering the State's affairs can be a lesson for many of us.

We can sense for ourselves the co-operation of almost all Government Departments to match the Hon'ble Chief Minister's pace as he embarks on an arduous task of resurrecting Tamil Nadu's economy which has gone downslide during the past decade. This has made the people of the State happy and peaceful as they finally have a regime working for them.

In particular, sectors such as education and healthcare are getting unprecedented prominence these days. Chief Minister's ambitious Illam Thedi Kalvi scheme as well as Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam scheme are sure guarantors for a health and prosperous future.

The whole world watches as Tamil Nadu marches on majestically on the path of industrial growth. Suddenly, all investors seem to be looking at Tamil Nadu with renewed interest. Times have gone when we had to borrow (what we had earlier given) from others to fill our coffers.

Thanks to the pro-active DMK regime's initiatives, we are able to preserve and protect the State's rights.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin has become a leader who is easily accessible to all cutting across the barriers of caste, religion and creed.

Philosopher Angels once remarked thus about great German philosopher Karl Marx: "There can be many who are opposed to Marx's philosophies but you can hardly find anyone opposed to Marx!"

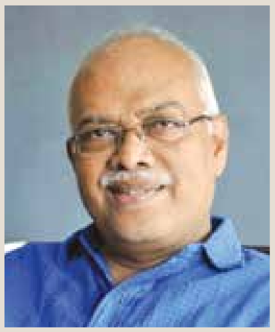
I'm sure our Hon'ble Chief Minister, who is a reflection of Marx, would accomplish many more achievements with the help of his vibrant Cabinet to add more honour to the Dravidian history.

Sun rises in the morning by default; still it is the duty of the cock to let out its early-morning yell to awake the people. Likewise, though I'm a humble creator, I take it upon my responsibility as a Tamil to bow and wish the Chief Minister huge success in all his endeavours!

Long-live the Stalin-led Government!

Long-live the Dravidian land!!

# A political model based on the Dravidian Model



**Prof. J. Jayaranjan**
Vice-President,
State Development Policy Council

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin has been using the phrase Dravidian Model quite often in recent times. It's not a mere phrase!

Is it a model about economic development? Or is it about social transformation? As far as my understanding goes, through 'Dravidian Model', the Chief Minister refers only to a political model!

In order to find an answer to these queries, it is imperative to go back in time in the annals of history. The speech delivered by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at the Constituent Assembly's meeting (in his capacity as the chairman of the drafting Committee of the Constitution of India) to dedicate the Constitution to the people of the country, assumes huge significance.

It was a speech which aptly captured the state of affairs prevailing in the country at that point of time.

"Hierarchical community systems prevailed in India. Castes in the lower rung were considered 'lowly' when compared to the castes in the higher rung. The Dharma defined that those in the higher rung deserved to be there mainly because of having been born in that particular caste.

"Economic disparities became the order of the day, in view of this attitude. As a result, a huge contradiction came up between our societal structure and the twin aspects of equality and brotherhood.

"The right to vote given to all Indian citizens irrespective of their caste, creed, religion and economic status has ensured political equality in society. We shouldn't rest on our laurels of achieving mere political equality but should vow to work hard in creating equality in all spheres so that we are able to sustain and save our democracy," were the words Dr. Ambedkar articulated at the above-said meeting.

Many movements have taken birth in our land at various stages in history demanding these equalities at once. They also demanded the repeal of those (governing) mechanisms which didn't accept the above-cited equalities. Tamil Nadu's Dravidian Movement was one such movement.

The Dravidian Movement was a movement which yearned for a social transformation. That the Dravida Munnettra Kazhagam (DMK) is an off-shoot of the Dravidian Movement, and has been at the forefront of the campaign for 'politics of change' is a known truth to anyone who (bothers to) keenly observe the Party's functioning.

The DMK's prominent political practice has been to provide people with all sorts of opportunities that they had been denied for long. In this regard, it is invariably the DMK which kick-starts the protest/struggle to ensure that the denied opportunities are given to people at the earliest.

DMK is a social movement which has a track record of ensuring people's participation in the spheres of land, housing facilities, education, food, healthcare, language and arts in bringing about social transformation and raising their economic standards.

Numbers alone can't help in understanding the growth that Tamil

Nadu has registered during the past 50 years: at the outset, it ought to be understood how this social transformation has been democratized. Then one has to understand the philosophy behind the functioning of this movement to clearly comprehend the 'Dravidian Model' that the hon'ble Chief Minister has been consciously politicizing.

Gujarat and Maharashtra, the two states which compete closely with Tamil Nadu, have amply demonstrated that this is not possible by merely registering economic growth.

Kerala model educates us that this is not possible by merely ensuring social progress. The Dravidian Model is the democratized growth achieved through social transformation. This is commonly referred to by many as a 'model of inclusive growth'.

When the successive generations, which have become 'agents of growth' (thanks to education and initiatives such as reservation quota), attempt to take wings to reach the skies, the Sanatana army tries to clip their wings.

Only the DMK possesses the requisite strength and intellect to take on the Sanatana army. Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister refers to this as the 'Dravidian Model'.

The Dravidian Model is the ideal model for all who wish to achieve socio-economic liberation (which Dr. Ambedkar dreamt of). Democracy in India can be saved only when such liberation is achieved.

In a nutshell, the Dravidian Model is nothing but the action-plan of the philosophies of 'Thanthai' E.V.R. Periyar, the patron of the Dravidian Movement!

# This Government is for us by performance and approach

**Prof. Subha Veerapandian**
General Secretary,
Dravida IyakkaTamizhar Peravai

"This Government is both for those who voted for it and who did not". These are the friendly and firm words uttered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin immediately after taking over office.

All will agree this is a good approach. However, turning it into a reality is a tough task. If it turns out real, people will laud it as their own Government. This is the reason the present Government is applauded by people.

The Chief Minister's above statement has come true in three ways.

Firstly, no discrimination is visible in announcing and implementing welfare schemes. Secondly, DMK has been countering decent criticisms both on the floor of the Assembly as well as outside, in a rather patient manner. Thirdly, wrong-doers are punished stringently, even if they happen to belong to the ruling party.

Within a year of the DMK Government taking over the reins of the State, more than 300 employment big and small camps have been conducted. 5,108 companies/industrial houses took part in these camps and those interviewed were given appointment letters on-the-spot. More than 40,000 youths (including 517 differently-abled candidates) have so far been appointed.

Even opposition parties know that these no party-bias was shown on influence used in these employment camps. This is just an example. Many constructive schemes like this have turned into schemes for all.

Irrespective of the Government's fruitful endeavours, it is only natural for Opposition parties to find fault with the Government's actions. However we could see both within and without Assembly the Ruling Party's cultured reply to false and unjustified accusations after assimilating them.

The resolution for exempting Tamil Nadu from NEET examination was passed in the previous regime itself. In the present rule also the same resolution was passed twice. But the Governor did not forward it to the Hon'ble President of India. Even then the DMK maintained its balance and boycotted the Governor's tea party only after request in person to forward the NEET Bill and through letter turned futile.

When Selvi J Jayalalithaa was Chief Minister, we know, how harsh the clashes were with the Governor and how indecent the words were. The decent approach of today's Government should be compared with that.

This Government takes immediate action even if its own partymen commits the mistake. Action was taken against the husband of a woman DMK member who had won the Local Body election, the very next dya after a video grab showed him exercising power illegally.

Hence this Government is our Government! By performance and approach, this is a Government for us. ●

# A Chief Minister who protects the welfare of the Minorities!

Peter Alphonse
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If minorities in a country feel protected, happy, satisfied and live in complete harmony with the majority of the population, it would mean that the country in question has a thriving, vibrant and fertile democracy in place.

Elections alone can't guarantee the rule of the people by the people. A quality democratic process can only be ensured by the democratic principles of the rulers and the effective functioning of all democratic institutions.

On that count, it is absolutely true that minorities lead a happy, safe and contented life in contemporary Tamil Nadu ruled by the M.K. Stalin-led DMK Government.

Last few years had been very tough for minorities especially religious minorities, who had been living in a fearsome environment. Right-wing forces kept the minorities in check by terrorizing and scaring them as the Government of the day didn't initiate any proper action against them.

Soon after the new regime led by the DMK took over in Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Chief Minister not only condemned such non-secular activities but also issued diktats to the District Superintendents of Police (SPs) and all District Collectors to initiate stern action against those creating unrest and lawlessness in the region. It's because of this diktat that religious fanaticism and related political activities have been kept under check.

Tamil Nadu Minorities Commission has since been reconstituted and is now functioning effectively with a full-time IAS officer as its secretary. The Commission has undertaken District-wise tours to

interact with minorities to know first-hand their livelihood issues and discuss them with relevant Government officials to resolve those issues at the earliest.

Thousands of minorities took part in the interactions held across ten Districts. Several special schemes for the welfare of minorities, which were in limbo for the past four years, have now been spruced up with renewed vigour and implemented.

For the past four years, release of grants to Islamiya Magalir Udhavum Sangam and Christhava Magalir Udhavum Sangam had been put on hold; soon after the DMK regime took over the administration, all the pending grants for the past four years amounting to several crores were released at one go. Going a step further, Hon'ble Chief Minister has also gone beyond the 'one-Sangam-per-District' principle and launched many such Sangams across Districts so as to ensure that funds are given to more beneficiaries as financial assistance.

When a plea was made by the Minorities Commission to the Hon'ble Chief Minister to appoint District Minorities Welfare Officers on the lines of District Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare Officers in all the Districts, the Chief Minister was kind enough to accede to the Commission's request and passed an order for appointment of District Minorities Welfare Officers in five Districts in the first phase at a cost of Rs.2.5 crore.

In the coming years, District Minorities Welfare Officers for 5 Districts would be appointed each year. With their appointment, implementing schemes for minorities' welfare can be better coordinated. The Government has also passed orders to set up a Board for the welfare of Church workers for which preliminary works have been going on.

Hon'ble Chief Minister has also agreed to the Commission's request to give representation to linguistic minorities while constituting the Minorities Commission; relevant orders have since been passed for the appointment of four Members and a vice-president (from linguistic minorities).

The Commission took up the issue of setting in motion a procedure for grant of minority certificate to educational institutions run by minorities. In response, the Chief Minister assured that necessary action would be taken in this regard in the near future.

Hon'ble Chief Minister has allocated Rs.12 crore during the current financial year for renovating/repairing old churches. Ulemas' Welfare Board has been functioning effectively; identity cards for Ulemas are being issued promptly without any delay.

When it was informed that educational scholarship provided to students by the Centre was not sufficient, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the Government of Tamil Nadu would step in to provide an adequate amount as scholarship to the needy students and those not covered by the Centre's assistance.

With a view to propagate Hon'ble Chief Minister's concept of Thalai Nimirum Tamizhagam, the Commission has been conducting elocution competition (after taking the Government's permission) for college students in all the Districts.

College students' response to the elocution competition, held as part of this concept which the Chief Minister has so deftly conceived for the growth of Tamils and Tamil language, is magical. Students of both sexes are vying with each other to take part in these competitions and await of receiving prizes from the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Minorities in Tamil Nadu would remain forever indebted to the Hon'ble Chief Minister who has taken after his late father Kalaignar Karunanidhi in looking after the interests of minorities with concern and affection akin to a mother! ●

# Chief Minister Stalin's name would remain etched in the annals of history

Before commencing the article, I have got to say this: whenever I think of Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin, the image of the great Raja Raja Chola comes to my memory almost simultaneously.

On the day the great Raja Raja Chola completed the construction of the world-renowned Thanjavur Peruvudaiyar Temple and consecrated it, he had an unforgettable dream. God appeared in the king's dream. "Oh, God! Are you satisfied with my work?" asks the king. The Almighty responds by saying "Of course, I'm happy. In fact, I'm very happy under the old woman's shadow!" Petrified by the Almighty's response, the king thinks deeply about what God could have meant by the phrase 'the old woman's shadow'. It takes him a few queries with Tamil scholars to unearth the truth behind the Almighty's utterances.

An old woman residing near the temple (construction site) used to provide buttermilk each day to quench the thirst of hundreds of hard-working labourers. After the temple's construction, labourers thanked the old woman and asked her what she expected in return for her services. The old woman responded by saying "Please take away this huge rock as my contribution and use it for constructing the temple!" As the construction had already been completed, the labourers took away the rock and set it up as the 'dome' (Gopuram) atop the Temple. As the Almighty (idols) was beneath the dome, God referred to it as 'being under the old woman's shadow'.

If the Almighty appeared in a common man's dream today, He might even say "Shadow of Thalapathy (Stalin) is enjoyable!" Reasons for this are aplenty; why won't the Almighty say so since the Chief Minister had sanctioned Rs.100 crore for consecration of 1000 temples? I would like to clarify that there is no exaggeration here.

Brilliance marked almost all of Raja Raja Chola's deeds. The 'Shiv-linga' placed at the temple was a 12-feet long structure symbolizing the 12 vowels (Uyir Ezhuthukkal) in Tamil; the dome covering the sanctum sanctorum was 216-feet high, symbolizing the 216 Uyirmei Ezhuthukkal in Tamil. The dome has 13 edges (Nilaigal) which symbolize the $13^{th}$ vowel (Uyir Ezhuthu) in Tamil. Distance between the garbagriha and the Nandi is 247-feet (247 is got by adding Uyir, Uyirmei & Aidha Ezhuthu). Thus Raja Raja Chola built Peruvudaiyar Temple literally with Tamil alphabets; after constructing the temple, the King appointed 40 Odhuvaars (priests) to chant mantras in Tamil.

Our Chief Minister has made it mandatory to chant mantras in Tamil not only at this temple but at all temples across the State. In order to ensure that all poojas are performed in Tamil in all Sannadhis, the Chief Minister went ahead and appointed priests (Archakars) performing archanais in Tamil at temples.

Raja Raja Chola's Court had Aimperunkuzhu (Big team of 5 members) and Enperaayam(Big group of 8 members) as his twin advising committees. Similarly, the high-power committee which was constituted to advise the Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department has 13 non-official members! We wonder whether their high power committee is a replica of the Aimperunkuzhu and Enperaayam.

M.P. Sathiyavel Muruganar, Member, High-powered Consultative Committee, Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department

To say that our Hon'ble Chief Minister's decision-making capability of entrusting a particular person with a particular assignment has shades of Raja Raja Chola won't be an exaggeration at all. Take for example the Chief Minister's preferred choice of P. Sekar Babu as HR & CE Minister. When we think of Sekar Babu, we invariably get reminded of a Sangam era literary work. Iraiyanar Agamporul, which narrates the history of Sangam era, has recorded that a Pandiya King made arrangements by making available fertile lands for the livelihood of Tamils displaced by the submersion of 'Kumari' continent. The king was later named as Nilamtharu Thiruvir Pandiyan for retrieving lands to the people.

As the king did, Sekar Babu is credited with retrieving lands (worth several crores) from fraudsters and handing them back under the control of temples. Sekar Babu, thus, is the contemporary 'Thiruvir Pandian' of our times! He can also be called as Aalaya Nilantharum Arumai Pandiyan ('Kind Pandian who hands over lands to temples'). It's an intoxicating combination indeed: a Pandya 'Minister' assisting a Chola 'King'!

> **"With the aim that the great Tamil language should resound in the temples in Tamil Nadu, our present Chief Minister has brought into practice 'archanai' in Annai Tamil..."**

If the works which had been accomplished this year and works which have been going on are to be listed, it can be quite a long one. However, we have got to mention some of those works, which are cited below:

58 Tamil priests (Archakars) appointed under the scheme which paved way for persons from all castes to be appointed as priests. Sanction permitted to perform maintenance work in 725 temples.

Worship (archanai) to be performed in Tamil across all Temples,

Grant of financial assistance for hosting 'Oru Kaala Poojai' hiked from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh; priests (archagars) to be paid an honorarium of Rs.1,000),

Lands worth Rs.1,689 crore retrieved from illegal encroachment and handed over to the control of temples,

Medical centres set up at temples,

Renovation of holy pond and chariot (temple car) at 100 temples,

Planting of saplings at holy centres from 03.06.2021 (Kalaignar Karunanidhi's birthday),

In the scheme to launch 10 colleges under HR&CE's management, 500 students have already enrolled in 4 colleges,

Annadhanam (free food) to be provided at all temples

Before I conclude, there is one thing which ought to be mentioned.

A Western historian has opined that "History has noted many kings and emperors in a routine manner. However, while referring to Raja Raja Chola, even History stood up in reverence and took note of him.

I'm sure history would stand up and applaud while referring to Hon'ble Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's name as he openly declared that he is a Chief Minister to those who voted in favour of him as well as those who voted against him. Let's wish and pray that all temples under HR & CE's control and under the Chief Minister's efficient management would shine for several years to come! •

# Let's add strength to the Dravidian Model!

Eminent Indian economist and Nobel-prize winning Prof. Amartya Sen once narrated a story on the concept of Social Justice. "A flute lies on the ground; three kids claim that it belongs to them. First child says that the flute should be his property as he only knew how to play it. Second child says that the flute should be his as he didn't have any playthings with him and also because his parents were hardly in a position to buy toys for him. The third child contends that the flute was his as he had worked hard to make it. All the three kids are their own advocates, putting forth their claims. Prima facie, it appears that all the 3 claims are worth considering. However, only one kid gets the flute. Which kid could it be?" Sen concluded the story by hurling a question to the people. How would the Dravidian Movement resolve the issue? It would certainly look into the social backdrop of these three kids. More than bothering to know in detail about the kid which knew how to play a flute, the Movement would be keen to find out which kid hailed from a social backdrop where playing flute was barred. The Movement would certainly accord priority to the kid which hailed from a tough social background.

Across the globe, we come across several communities which were denied justice. However, only in India do we spot the trend of discriminating a person on the basis of his community. Dravidar Iyakkam('Dravidian Movement') was born mainly to take on these caste disparities which also resulted in denial of Social Justice.

The reign of the Justice Party kicked off very well as it introduced novel schemes such as community-wise representation of people in power, voting rights for women, free education to Adi Dravidar students, etc. The realization that the oppressed communities can benefit through these schemes only when they are

empowered has taken the outlook of Social Justice to another level indeed.

Schemes such as mid-day meals, nutritious food, free education, free uniforms, free text-books, and educational scholarship were conceived to strengthen marginalized communities.When Courts stayed the scheme of sectoral representation in power, it was the duo of E.V.R. Periyar and C.N. Annadurai who fought on the streets to get the law amended. It's the Dravida Iyakkam which paved the way for reservation for Backward Classes in all spheres in all the States in the country!

'Viduthalai' Rajendran,

Periyarist functionary

Kalaignar Karunanidhi had enacted property rights law for women even before a law was enacted in Parliament in this regard. It is the Dravida Iyakkam which brought in more and more internal reservations so as to democratize reservation. After Thiru. M.K. Stalin took over as the Chief Minister, he has achieved a grand three-pronged success as far as rendering Social Justice!

The Dravidian Model is invariably based on the concept of Social Justice. This model is far from the archaic, stipulations and regulations. It's a modern thought process which takes into account the contemporary human values. The Supreme Court's decision to uphold the Constitutional validity of 27% reservation for OBCs in 'All India NEET Quota' is indeed a historical one. This decision has paved the way for many modern debates on the topic. In fact, this decision can be defined as the one which adds more teeth to the 'Dravidian Model'. In this regard, let's cite a few examples:

- Social diversity: Social diversity is diametrically opposite to social discrimination of any kind. It shatters discriminations, helps humanity maintain balance on an equal plane in society and doesn't allow fascist thoughts such as single culture, single religion, and single way of eating take roots.
- Structural barricades: Structural barricades are in place to rid the society of evils like casteist structure and poverty-ridden environment and blow away the injustices meted out to the oppressed for long. The apex Court's ruling has also clarified that debates on qualification, talent, marks, administrative capability, and so on are uncalled for as they lack honesty.
- Cultural capital: It's a kind of exploitation unique to India's caste-based society. Investment of material is not needed; all that is required is that one has to be born in a high-caste family. Cultural investors/capitalists refused to share their rights with the rest of the society. Sociologists have used the term 'social capital' to refer to the sections of people hailing from high-caste backdrops. The apex Court has also defined 'social capital' in a more refined manner as 'cultural capital/investment'.
- Substantial equality: Equal rights are prerequisite to (getting) equality. Equality guaranteed in the Constitution can't survive until and unless rights are evenly distributed. All sections of the population getting the same voting rights amounts to equality; however, are the citizens casting their votes enjoying equal rights? Substantial equality is the only answer to this question.

It is the duty and responsibility of Dravidian researchers and thinkers to expand these concepts and make the 'Dravidian Model' more fertile. Though it is agreed that caste (of birth) is the primary yardstick to measure the 'social backwardness' of a person, it is noteworthy that the Mandal Commission went beyond the caste angle and dug deep into more than 20 economic and livelihood aspects related to caste while conducting its research on 'social backwardness'.

Likewise, Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin has connected the twin-factors of Tamil-medium of education and Government School students as the yardstick for (providing) Social Justice. Though language is the cultural identity, it is also used as an instrument of Social Justice to prevent people from other states hijacking Tamils' due employment rights in many sectors.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has thus adopted a four-pronged approach towards the Dravidian Model of Social Justice which includes empowering marginalized sections of the population, retrieving the state's rights, making the culture of self-respect an integral part of our lives and making Tamil Nadu self-sufficient in economy. Cutting across party lines, let's empower the Dravidian Model of uniqueness of Tamil Nadu. This is the need of the hour!

# Classical Tamil in the reign of Sengathir Selvan!

Within a year of taking over the reins of the state, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has taken Tamil (language) to places nobody would have even imagined, thus adding to the glory of the language. Observing this, I can't help but getting reminded of a verse by Sangam literary poet Nakkeeran uttered while praising Pandya dynasty's Nanmaran Pandian:

அங்கண்விசும்பின்ஆரிருள்அகற்றும்
வெங்கதிர்ச்செல்வன்போலவும்குடதிசைத்
தண்கதிர்மதியம்போலவும்
நின்றுநிலைஇயஉலகமொடுஉடனே!

Nakkeeran praises Pandian by blessing that the king should live longer like the sun and the moon which take away the darkness and replace it with brightness. Don't we feel like Nakkeeran and shower blessings on our beloved Chief Minister?

The earth absorbs the scorching heat of the sun and mixes it in living beings blood and contributes to growth. Likewise, Tamil (language) has preserved, protected and saved the ideology and thought processes of the past to mix them in the minds of contemporary Tamils. Thus, the rising sun and Tamil (language) have been making lives colourful for Tamils.

It's no wonder that Tamils celebrate sun as well as their language (Tamil). Tamil sings in praise of the sun while the sun promotes Tamil as a language.

Yes, it's a fact that Tamil grows abundantly whenever the rising sun is in power!

Growth is a sign of living. If one is to live it should grow. When something is to live and grow yet if nature and politics attempt to scuttle its growth, that 'something' has to be propped up, supported and harnessed. If something has to be grown, it has to be protected and preserved. If it has to be continuously protected, it ought to be an essential one. Useless things may go unprotected; something which is unprotected may not last or live/survive for longer periods of time.

**- Prof. M. Rajendran,**
**Former Vice-Chancellor**

Tamil is a language that has survived the test of time and which continues to grow. It is being supported in a steadfast manner. Work relating to the growth of Tamil undertaken after Stalin took over as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 07.05.2021 have made even the Hon'ble Chief Minister's political adversaries sit up and admire.

Semmozhi Awards, which weren't awarded for the past 10 years and lying dorment, were revived and given to 10 scholars @ Rs.10 lakh per scholar; Ilakkiya Maamani award @ Rs.5 lakh per head for three scholars to be given each year.

'Dream Home' to be given to ten awardee scholars chosen each year,

Tamil Department at Cologne University, Germany to get Rs.1.5 crore as grant-in-aid,

Dedicating to the nation creative works by 8 Tamil scholars,

Ceiling of students memorizing Thirukkural lifted to gift all students with copies of 'Thirukkural',

Rs.25 lakh grant provided to upgrade house the 'Navi Mumbai Tamil Sangam',

Rs.25 lakh granted to events to be held under the caption 'Theera Kaadhal Thirukkural',

Rs.1 crore granted for creating a 'Tamil Propagating Institution' for the benefit of Tamils residing abroad and in other states.

Publication of coffee-table books on the philosophy of and ideas in sangam literary works.

Publishing of video lectures and literatures of leaders and Tamil scholars in the form of audio books & conduct of 'Thirukkural' classes in temples.

Publishing of Sangam literature books and Dravida Kalanjiyam,

Rs.18.6 lakh allocated for grant of awards to commemorate the death centenary of 'Mahakavi' Bharathiyar; conduct of a web seminar (Webinar) on the caption 'Paarengum Bharathi',

Amount of award for conduct of literary meetings on birthdays of Tamil scholars enhanced to Rs.2 lakh,

Release of Caldwell's book 'A Comparative Grammar of the Dravidian or South Indian Family of Languages' as the first one under the 'Muthamizharignar Translation' scheme.

Publication of Mahakavi Bharathiyaar's manuscript works in printed format, publication in pictures and Bharathiyar's life history, publication of 100 of his songs along with proper and appropriate paintings/drawings,

Publication of literature of other countries in Tamil; conduct of a workshop on the caption 'Creative world and creative language of Ki Rajanarayanan',

Conduct of an international seminar on the caption 'Kalaignar: a multi-faceted personality'; allotment of grant of Rs.28.44 crore to Tamil University,

Honorarium to students opting to study literary Tamil; translation and publication of Tamil literary works in global languages,

Introduction/addition of new scientific terms in Tamil; uploading of tough words, Tamil e-books, and contents of Government portals, through Wikipedia.

Thus, Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin's constructive work and service for Tamil would continue forever under the DMK regime! ●

# World's largest scheme

வீடு தோறும் கலையின் விளக்கம்
வீதி தோறும் இரண்டொரு பள்ளி

-Mahakavi Bharathiyar

('Let each household have some form(s) of art; let each Street have at least one or two schools')

"I have been conducting Illam Thedi Kalvi ('education at your doorstep') Centre at my residence at Ellai Amman Koil Street in Thanjavur. At the beginning, there were only 10 students; right now, 18 students have been regularly coming here to get educated. Two among them weren't in the mood to go to school at all; I encouraged them to attend school regularly. They are very regular now," says K. Valli, a volunteer working from Thanjavur.

This is the success of Illam Thedi Kalvi which the Hon'ble Chief Minister termed as his 'dream' scheme. It was a scheme personally conceived and created by the Chief Minister. Even before it could complete one year, this scheme has lit up the lives of lakhs of Government school students.

The Government realized soon enough that as schools were not functioning regularly (in view of COVID-imposed lockdown), Government school students had been robbed of the opportunity to get educated in the absence of online education which could be imparted through dedicated portals. The absence of formally-taught education could have a huge (negative) impact among primary-level school children.

It was indeed a huge challenge for the Government to instil in the minds of students the requisite confidence, fearlessness and happiness to start attending schools once again. Getting them

sit in the right class as per age and continuing the educational process was even more challenging.

With the liberal co-operation and help from the surrounding community, Hon'ble Chief Minister's Illam Thedi Kalvi scheme was introduced to fill this gap between the student fraternity and schools.

Compensating the educational 'gap' of 34,05,856 Government school students of Class I to VIII residing at 92,297 households and re-admitting school drop-outs are a few objectives of the Illam Thedi Kalvi scheme.

Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the Illam Thedi Kalvi scheme on 27th October, 2021 from Marakkanam in Villupuram District.

Arivoli Iyakkam was a movement which worked round-the-clock in upping the State's literacy levels. Likewise, the Illam Thedi Kalvi scheme has a humble objective of filling up the gap between students and schools created by the closing down of schools (in view of lockdown) and compensate for the lack of personalised teaching lost during this period.

The Government of Tamil Nadu adopted various art forms to make people realise the significance of the scheme. The most beautiful aspect of this scheme is to join hands with volunteers to do the field work. As many as 6.83 lakh persons have so far registered themselves as volunteers through relevant portals.

The Government decided to use the services of Class XII-passed volunteers to teach students from Class I to V and the services of volunteers (who had completed graduation) to teach students of Class VI to VIII. All these volunteers, recommended and chosen by the School Management Committee, are also imparted requisite training.

Priority is accorded to rope in women volunteers at almost all the places. These volunteers act like a bridge connecting the students and the schools.

Inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at Villupuram's Marakkanam, this initiative has now been extended to all the Districts in the state. At the Illam Thedi Kalvi Centres, students willingly and happily learn their curriculum and experience good vibes of learning. For these educated volunteers, this scheme provides just the right opportunity for indulging in social work as the Centres turn into their fields of work.

The most outstanding aspect of this scheme is that the volunteers are working in tandem with schools in creating a conducive environment for the children to learn in a stress-free atmosphere. The scheme has become an instant success thanks to the assistance rendered by the School Education Department's Schools Management Committee.

An essential aspect of learning/teaching is to make students feel happy and make the volunteers/teachers possess the requisite teaching skills. On this count, the volunteers invent intricate teaching techniques and tools to keep their work going.

The educational tools used by the volunteers of Illam Thedi Kalvi scheme was put on display at all the Book Fairs including the Chennai Book Fair. Volunteers chosen from various parts of the State showcased the educational tools developed and used by them. In fact, the Illam Thedi Kalvi tableau at the Book Fair has turned out to be a major attraction.

Illam Thedi Kalvi scheme, launched under the stewardship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and implemented under the vigilant supervision of the School Education Department, has now been extended by one more year keeping in view the abundant support and appreciation it got from the parents, and educationists.

At a time when many were expressing apprehensions/misgivings about the scheme, 1.81 lakh centres have taught for a whopping 19 lakh crore hours! Without an iota of doubt, the Illam Thedi Kalvi scheme is the biggest of its kind the world over, managed mainly by volunteers for imparting education to 30 lakh students. This scheme is sure to attain an unique place in the annals of the state's history of Education.

**- School Education Department**

# Chief Minister is a NEET Exemption warrior, of course!

The whole world is aware that the DMK was launched in an open space at Chennai's Robinson Park on a day of heavy downpour. It announced a series of protests on the very day it was launched.

Keeping in line with the tradition of a party that was born, grew up and made a mark through battles, and Chief Minister designed his life as one of battles.

We are witnessing a trend in the Indian sub-continent Elections that demolishes the basics of Democracy by bringing retrograde matters like caste, religion, money and personal likes and dislikes and superstition to the central stage.

However, during the run-up to the 2021 Assembly polls in Tamil Nadu, progressive issues including education related ones such as New Educational Policy, NEET exam (exemption), etc. were the dominant poll issues. It was a gift that Tamil Nadu gave for a healthy democracy.

At the very first general council meeting of the DMK, after he took over as the party's working president, Thiru. M.K. Stalin passed a resolution opposing NEET exam.

The efforts he is putting against NEET examination by roping is like minded parties, like holding human chain protests all over the state, demonstrating to draw the attention of the people/authorities, seminars throughout Tamil Nadu to explain the evils of NEET examination and public meetings, brought an awarenes in people and it echoed in the last Assembly Election also.

DMK's poll manifesto as well as propaganda campaign had NEET exam (exemption) as its principal issue; its victory at the Assembly polls ensured people's approval also.

Soon after the DMK ascended the throne, our Chief Minister changed the agitation that was political in the people's forum till then into a Government protest through the Legislature. In the first Governor's Address to the Assembly also, he made the Government's clear stand against NEET examination find a place in it.

Hon'ble Chief Minister's first meeting with Hon'ble Prime Minister during his visit to New Delhi after taking over the state's reins featured NEET exemption as the main issue.

Right from the Rajamannar Commission, set up by former Chief Minister Kalaignar to retrieve the states' rights, to the Ananthakrishnan Commission set up for doing away with state-level entrance examination, all victories that the DMK has tasted over the years have as their backdrops unbreakable data and efforts put in with the help of laws.

Within a month of taking over office, our Hon'ble Chief Minister set up a high-powered committee under the stewardship of Justice K. Rajan to provide appropriate data and recommendation to get NEET exemption for the state on 10.06.2021.

Opinion sought from 86,342 educationists, students, teachers, parents, professors, doctors and social activists, their inputs, and legal directions were combined together as a 165-page report which was presented to the Hon'ble Chief Minister by Justice Rajan on 14.07.2021.

Based on the Rajan Committee's recommendations and directions and after taking requisite legal guidance, the Government-sponsored resolution urging the Centre to exempt Tamil Nadu from NEET examination was finally passed unanimously on 13.09.2021.

Following this, Hon'ble Chief Minister released a statement on 15.09.2021 affirming that the Government stood with the students at this critical juncture and asserted that it was high time the NEET-related suicides in the state were put an end to.

"We will melt the hard-hearted persons Don't lose heart, students! We beseech you" – this statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to students also reiterated the determination: 'We will not rest till we erase the injustice of NEET'.

He later penned a letter to Chief Ministers of 12 states in an effort to garner support for Tamil Nadu's NEET exemption plea and to create a national level debate on the issue. Parliament Members of the Party also personally delivered to the said 12 Chief Ministers the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin's letter that carried the State Antinomy call " Let us retrieve State Governments' pre-eminence in the field of education" and the gist of the principle of self respect and the statement of Justice (Retd.) A.K. Rajan containing the data that explained the damages due to NEET examination.

**Ezhilan Naganathan,**
**MLA (Thousand Lights)**

Following Hon'ble Governor's delay in taking a decision on forwarding the State Assembly's resolution to the Hon'ble President for the latter's perusal, the Chief Minister called on the Governor on 27.11.2021 and requested him to accord his approval to the Assembly's resolution.

The delay (by the Governor in forwarding the resolution to the President) still persisted; a team of Parliamentarians from all parties of Tamil Nadu headed by the DMK's Lok Sabha leader T.R. Baalu tried to meet the Hon'ble President in person in New Delhi on 28.12.2021. They were only allowed to submit a representation to the President's Office; the representation was later forwarded to the Union Home Ministry for necessary action.

As the Hon'ble Union Home Minister dragged on to give an appointment to the team of Tamil Nadu Parliamentarians to meet the Hon'ble Minister, the Hon'ble Chief Minister issued a statement under rule 110 in the Tamil Nadu Assembly on 06.01.2022 that it was against the democratic norms for the Hon'ble Union Home Minister to refuse to see that representatives of the people of Tamil Nadu. He also called an all legislative party meeting.

At the all-party meeting convened on 08.01.2022, the Hon'ble Chief Minister spoke fiercely. "Hon'ble Governor's delay in not forwarding the NEET exemption-seeking resolution passed unanimously by the State Legislative Assembly to Hon'ble President for perusal is an action which questions the very right of the Assembly in passing laws. It's an action which is against the accepted norms of parliamentary democracy and the sovereignty of the Legislative Assembly," the Hon'ble Chief Minister observed.

Speaking at a Government function held in Tamil Nadu (first such event after the DMK's return to power) in which Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi took part, the Hon'ble Chief Minister wasted no time making a forceful plea in the presence of the Prime Minister for exemption of Tamil Nadu from NEET examination.

In the meantime, Hon'ble Governor returned the Legislative Assembly's resolution back to the Hon'ble Assembly speaker, causing concern to people. Immediately, Hon'ble Chief Minister called for yet another all-party meeting on 03.02.2022 to discuss the issue.

The all-party meeting on 05.02.2022, held amid the run-up to the local body polls, took a unanimous decision to re-send the draft resolution back to Hon'ble Governor with the request to forward the NEET exemption-seeking resolution to Hon'ble President. At a special session of the State Legislative Assembly, convened for the purpose, the Government passed the same resolution (without any amendment) on the floor of the Assembly and forwarded it to the Hon'ble Governor.

Hon'ble Chief Minister later went on record stating that the day on which the State Legislative Assembly passed the same resolution for the second time (and forwarded it to the Hon'ble Governor) was a 'red-letter' day in the history of the State. The Chief Minister later called on the Governor on 15.03.2022 and requested the latter to forward the resolution to the Hon'ble President for perusal. During his 31.03.2022 meeting with the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Hon'ble Chief Minister once again putforth a forceful request for exempting Tamil Nadu from appearing for NEET examination.

In spite of all these, if protests still continue, the basic reason for it, is the shifting of education from the State first to the concurrent list. The Hon'ble Chief Minister is well aware of this, and has thus involved himself in an effort to bring education back under the 'State List'. Treading the path of our leader, the beloved Hon'ble Chief Minister, we have moved the High Court of Chennai under our 'Aram Seya Virumbu' Trust seeking to revoke the 42$^{nd}$ amendment to the Constitution which shifted education from the State List to the concurrent List. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister has listed the DMK regime's non-stop protests for scrapping NEET examination in a statement titled Successful Social Justice Journey of the Dravidian Model Government issued on 07.04.2022.

At a time standing forlorn after losing all the rights gained by the 100 year old Dravidian Movement, our Chief Minister has came as a source of confidence through his tireless labour and agitations he is reclaiming these rights are after another. It is he, who is going to retrieve the rights that our students are losing by abolishing the NEET examination.

The day is not far off for the 'Vidiyal' (Emancipation) Government to drive out the NEET examination ●

# Fantastic beginning of a Great dream!

There are four basic features to a Government's functioning. They are:

1. How does a Government function?
2. What kind of responsibility does it exhibit?
3. For whom does the Government function?
4. On what philosophy the Government's functioning is based?

Answers to these questions can clearly define whether a regime in a particular state is functioning properly or not. The answer also reveals why our Hon'ble Chief Minister is hailed by the print and television media as the top-ranked Chief Minister in the country.

Soon after the DMK regime took over in the state, it sowed the seeds of confidence that it is close to people and would remain people-friendly. The Chief Minister is at the forefront of efforts in achieving this trust. Elaborate schemes and welfare measures were planned and conceived to hear out people's grievances and take concrete redressal actions.

People could actually spot a transparent welfare state in place in Tamil Nadu after a long gap of ten years. Administering corona vaccination and the actions taken to prevent the spread of corona virus ended up in saving many precious lives. In doing so, the Government of Tamil Nadu aptly demonstrated as to how optimally a state Government could function (for the people's welfare) using the limited resources available and the powers vested with it.

Under the leadership of a far-sighted leader who also knew the nuances of administration, skilled

officials as well as Ministers won the war against corona and thus succeeded in protecting people's welfare. The same caring responsibility of the Government was witnessed even during the very heavy rains towards the end of last year.

Manushyaputhiran, Writer and poet

A Government's genuineness is revealed by the responsibility with which it functions. It is not only the question of facing upto the challenges and unexpected hurdles; it is also about devising long-term plans for people's welfare and fulfilling the pre-poll promises given to the electorate.

On that count, the incumbent DMK Government has taken huge initiatives for industrial growth and for enhancing basic infrastructure in many sectors. The new regime is not only keen in generating many employment opportunities but it is also deeply concerned about increasing the youths' skills and making them more qualified. Hon'ble Chief Minister fulfills requests for people's welfare even when they are not made directly to him but made on various social media platforms. This is how vigilant and responsible a Government can be; there is no empty rhetoric or avoidable show of pomp or needless adulation.

Thirdly, the most important question is for whose welfare the Government has been functioning. Without any bias, the Government has to provide equality and lasting justice to all sections of the society. Today's DMK regime has been following this diktat in letter and spirit.

Not only the policy decisions but also the twin budgets presented by the Government in the Assembly are classic examples in this regard. Both the general budget as well as the agricultural budget appeared to have been conceived after taking into account the needs and aspirations of people from all sections of the society.

This Government has been initiating many measures to reduce the yawning gap between cities and villages as well as the many disparities which prevail. Clearly, these activities reflect the regime's intention to ensure that growth has to be not only complete but it should involve the participation of all. This amply proves that this Government has people's welfare as its top-most priority!

There ought to be a philosophy behind the action(s) of any Government. It is this philosophy which actually guides the Government's responses and future course of actions. Philosophies such as leftist economic policies, rightist economic policies, and mixed economic policies have determined the Government's (style of) functioning as well as the distribution of wealth/resources at various stages.

On this count, establishing a 'Dravidian Model of governance' and a 'Dravidian Model of economy' are the DMK's policies. What is meant by the 'Dravidian Model' has been continuously explained by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at the national level. This 'Dravidian Model' marches on the twin axes of Social Justice and state's autonomy.

As far as the state's autonomy is concerned, the Government is keen to get power from the centre to determine its own financial authority and distribution of powers. This 'Dravidian Model' is a perfect fit not only for Tamil Nadu but it can be an ideal model for the entire country. A situation has now arisen wherein any Government which wants to follow a path of growth and Social Justice (justice for all) would do well to copy this Dravidian Model of governance and reap the benefits.

**"The Chief Minister directly calls even those who make pleas in the social media and redresses their grievances."**

The year-long DMK regime in Tamil Nadu has become the identity of a people-welfare and democratic (form of) governance. This tenure of the DMK is, thus, a gift Tamil Nadu has given to Indian democracy and the principle of democratic governance! ●

# Chief Minister of Social Justice!

At present, we are only witnessing the continuance of the Social Justice contained in the name of Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin!

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu M.K. Stalin is the continuing link of the Dravidian movement (Dravida Iyakkam), accepted whole-heartedly by the people of Tamil Nadu as the savior of their due rights. With a noble objective of protecting and preserving Social Justice, the Chief Minister has proposed the highly successful 55-year old historic Dravidian rule as 'Dravidian Model of governance' for the entire country!

Reasons are aplenty for the whole of India to take note of the 'Dravidian Model' whose seeds were sown and developed in deep South of the country.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin's 'Dravidian Model' of governance is to make use of the immense sacrifice of the Dravida Iyakkam to create social unity by binding people together; to make people better humans on the cultural plank, and to preserve the successes achieved thus far.

In this regard, as a senior advocate, I have also contributed in three small yet significant ways as per the guidance of Thalaivar Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin, who has been studiously following the footsteps of 'Thanthai' Periyar, 'Perarignar' Anna and 'Muthamizharignar'Kalaignar.

I consider it as mightily significant that the requests put forward by Tamil Nadu at this point of time are not merely for taking forward Tamil Nadu-based issues; they are done so with the intention of extending Social Justice to the whole of the country.

Our beloved Chief Minister pointed out to the anomaly of not allotting seats to students of Other Backward Community (OBC) category in the state's share of the 'all-India quota' for appearing in NEET examination from the year 2006. This anomaly is against the concept of Social Justice, the Chief Minister said and urged us to wage a legal struggle insisting on the significance of reservation.

In order to win the battle of reservation, the Hon'ble Chief Minister adopted a multi-pronged strategy of fighting for this issue at the Rajya Sabha, the Lok Sabha, with the Courts. As a final step, he decided to take up the issue vigorously with the judiciary by means of a long legal struggle.

On 28.05.2020, I filed a case with the Hon'ble Supreme Court on behalf of the DMK stating that the concept of reservation hasn't been followed properly in the all-India NEET entrance examination. On 11.06.2020, the Apex Court directed me to approach the High Court of Madras in this regard.

Agreeing to my argument that there was nothing wrong in providing reservation to OBC students, a

High Court Bench comprising the Chief Justice passed orders on 27.07.2020 stating that reservation should be made to OBC students starting from the next academic year i.e. from 2021-2022 onwards.

The verdict directed the centre to set up a committee in this regard to implement the above-said reservation from 2021-2022; however, despite setting up a committee, its recommendations were not implemented.

**P. Wilson,**
**Rajya Sabha M.P.**

The then Government of Tamil Nadu moved the Apex Court challenging the verdict of the High Court of Madras. The Supreme Court directed that the verdict of the High Court of Madras be implemented from the year 2021-2022. As the centre still didn't implement this verdict, I filed a 'contempt of Court' petition on behalf of the DMK and got an order staying the entire NEET admission.

Subsequently, the centre announced on 29.07.2021 its willingness to provide 27% reservation to OBC students. Thanks to this reservation facility, OBC students are destined to get 4,022 MBBS seats and 1,000 dental medicine seats each year from now onwards.

A few doctors moved the Apex Court challenging the Centre's reservation order dated 29.07.2021. After getting Thalaivar Thiru. M.K. Stalin's nod, the DMK made itself a party to in the ongoing case. Finally, a Constitution Bench of the Apex Court comprising Justice Chandrachud and Justice Gopanna delivered a historic verdict on 07.01.2022.

I had been appearing in the court from 2020 on behalf of medical students arguing that 50% internal reservation ought to be implemented for Government doctors in high-specialty medical education courses in order to strengthen the medical infrastructure in rural localities. As a result, the High Court of Madras relented and granted 50% internal reservation; but the order was later stayed by the Apex Court which said that the order shouldn't be implemented during 2020-2021.

As per the instructions of 'Thalaivar', I took up the case of medical students to appear at the court again on behalf of medical students during 2021-2022. I got the High Court of Madras to pass a verdict to allow 50% internal reservation for Government doctors in 2021-2022. A few doctors again moved the Supreme Court challenging the decision of the High Court of Madras to allow 50% internal reservation for Government doctors.

I appeared at the court and argued on behalf of Government doctors; even the prosecution side supported us. After hearing out our arguments, the Supreme Court passed an order affirming that 50% internal reservation can be made from the year 2021-2022 onwards.

The previous regime in the state had made a 7.5% internal reservation for Government school students passing the NEET entrance examination. However, the then Governor Banwarilal Purohit had kept the order in abeyance without according his approval. 'Thalaivar' Stalin, who was the Leader of the Opposition at that time, met the Governor personally to request his approval for the above reservation but the latter still didn't relent.

The Governor relented only after the holding of a huge demonstration in front of the Raj Bhavan in Chennai to press for his approval.

Once 'Thalaivar' took over as the State's Chief Minister, this scheme was implemented without any fuss; however, public interest litigation (PIL) petitions were filed against this by a few individuals. The Government side was represented by Public Prosecutor Kapil Sibal while I appeared on behalf of Higher Education Department. After we argued forcefully, the issue was resolved following an extended legal struggle.

These are the three cases in which Social Justice was ensured (albeit after a huge struggle) during the past year under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin. These three significant achievements are not only for the benefit of the people of Tamil Nadu but also for the people of all the oppressed classes across the country. This was done only at the behest of our 'Thalaivar' M.K. Stalin and nobody else!

Whether he functions as the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly or as the Chief Minister at the State Secretariat, Hon'ble Thiru. M.K. Stalin is always conscious of his duties to preserve Social Justice and ensure equality for all.

Similar to the great Georgian revolutionary Joseph Stalin who felled the great dictator Hitler during World War-II and brought tranquility and peace to the whole world, our own Thiru. M.K. Stalin has been waging a battle and felling fascist forces from the Southern-most part of the country to bring tranquility and peace to the whole country! ●

# This Government is a leading light for Adi Dravidar and Tribes

The Government led by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin has been acting to address the just need of the lower rungs of the society. Even though special courts formed under the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, the verdict relating to SC and ST cases were not disposed of in time. The witness turned hostile and other reasons were the causes of delay.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has taken action to prevent delay.

Soon after the Government was formed, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin constituted the State Monitoring and Vigilance Committee under his leadership as stipulated by Law.

The State level high power Monitoring and Vigilance Committee must be convened twice in a year. After the new Government formed, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin convened the high-power State Monitoring and Vigilance Committee on 19.08.2021.

The majority of members in the committee highlighted the importance of constituting State Adidravidar and Tribal Welfare Commission. Acceding to the plea of the committee members the Hon'ble Chief Minister assured them that the Commission would be formed soon. Following the assurance, the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered constitution of The Tamil Nadu State Commission for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Act No. 17 of 2021).

Former Judge Madras High Court Justice P.R. Shivakumar was appointed as the chairperson of the Commission, editor of Dalit Murasu, Punitha Pandian was named its Vice Chairperson. Advocate and human rights' activist S. Kumaradevan, Tmt. Leelavathi Dhanaraj, advocate P. Ilanchezhiyan and Dr.Raghupathy were appointed, and the Commission has been functioning from January 3, at No. 31, Cenatoph Second Lane, Teynampet, Chennai – 18.

The Commission has been conducting probe continuously on the petitions received from the victims. The complaints are being disposed of with compassion by the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and members.

As on April 8, 2022, the following complaints have been disposed of. The Commission received 703 complaints. Of this, demand for issuance of Community Certificates were 105, relating to atrocities 64, relating to land 84, other complaints relating to compensation 450. A total of 258 persons were summoned for enquiry, and 96 petitioners appeared. The Commission sought 191 responses from the officials and of these 73 replies received. 183 petitions were resolved and 520 were pending.

The details would depict the effective functioning of the Commission.

**S. Kumaradeven,**
**Advocate.**

**Member, Tamil Nadu State Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Commission**


The Hon'ble Chief Minister announced that required awareness and training would be accorded to the victims of caste atrocities by treating them empathetically to heal their wounds. Compensation would be given to them ensuring bright future.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister announced that additional special courts would be set up to deal with cases under Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, in Salem, Krishnagiri, Madurai and Tirunelveli, where a large number of cases were pending.

As per the famous dictum of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar – 'We do what we say; We say what we do' (Sonnathai Seivom, Seivathai Solvom), the Government allotted Rs. 4,281.76 crore for Department of Adidravidar and Tribal Welfare in 2022-2023 Budget.

Accepting the demand for the increasing scholarship for Adidravidar and Scheduled Tribes students pursuing higher education and food allowance, the Government allotted Rs. 1,963 crore for higher education and Rs. 512 crore for food allowances. In order to encourage entrepreneurs from SC and ST communities, a corpus of Rs. 30 crore was allotted to support start-ups by Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (SC and ST) entrepreneurs.

The Government promised construction of 443 concrete houses for tribal people including Irulas and Rs. 20.7 crore has been allotted. In addition to this, for that 1,000 houses would be constructed in the coming financial year and Rs. 50 crore would be allotted for this.

As per the announcement made in the Budget on 11.04.2022, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated school buildings and hostels costing Rs. 18.42 crore through video conferencing.

As per Rule 16(1) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules 1995, the meeting of State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee was held for the second time under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 12.04.2022. The speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the meeting was a historical one.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister announced that at the complex where MC Raja Hostel, was constructed in 1961 in Saidapet, a modern student hostel would be constructed as a vacant plot of 75,000 sq.ft. at an estimate of Rs. 40 crore. The five-storey hostel will be equipped with modern facilities.

Hon'ble Chief Minister announced that the back log vacancies of SC and STs would be filled up after getting all the vacancy details from all the Department and regarding this a G.O. would be issued.

A statute of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar would be installed at the Ambedkar Memorial, which was established during the rule of Dr. Kalaignar.

To establish the ideal of equality in the minds of all, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu declared the birth anniversary of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar as a 'Day of Equality' and issued a G.O. for the administration of a pledge to all Government employees, against untouchability and caste discrimination.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has been firmly demonstrating that his Government will undertake propagation of equality through Samathuvapuram an one side and through Law, Awareness and Campaign.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin has been translating the social ideas of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, EVR Periyar, Perarignar Anna and Dr. Kalaignar into legislations. The title – 'Hero for Social Justice' would be suitable for Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin.

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# It's not waving of hand: but union of hands

**P.B. Prince Gajendra Babu**
Gen Secretary, State Forum

At a tune when the education sector in the State was facing a great hardship due to the Union Government's conspiracy, it is heartening that the Government based on the principle of Social Justice has defeated the conspiracies and taken up the challenge of reforming the education sector and ensure equal learning opportunities for all.

It is a good news by itself that school campuses, that went crippled during pandemic period, have sprang up with great vigour. Even though the Indian Government has been leaning towards 'Unitary set up' suppressing the principle of 'Federalism', the Government of Tamil Nadu did not succumb to the pressure and took efforts to protect the interests of education and formed a committee to frame 'State Education Policy'. Noted educationists across the country hailed the decision.

The former Chief Minister Kalaignar introduced 'Samacheer Kalvi' as a first step to ensure equal learning opportunities in mother tongue in the format of 'Neighbourhood School'.

This one year performance has instilled the hope that the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin will bring about a State Education Policy that provides equal learning opportunity which is the substratum to realize his father Kalaignar's dream of establishing an egalitarian society.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin introduced a number of novel educational policies. Children of Covid-19 victims are given opportunities to continue their studies. Financial assistance is extended to destitute children, thus enabling them to continue their studies. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin remains a tall leader.

The revolutionary poet Pavender Bharathidasan said "Women's education is essential for education to be tendered." In an effort to promote education among girl children, the former Chief Minister Kalaignar introduced a scheme, offering a cash incentive through the Department of Social Welfare to every girl who have studied upto Class VIII. The Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin has taken the scheme to the next level as an incentive scheme for higher education. This has been greatly welcomed.

This novel scheme would enable the women to pursue research on completing UG and PG and to get better employment opportunities. This scheme is a great incentive. The great expectation is that boy students should also be included in this scheme. Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin is not a mere Chief Minister waving his hands. He ensures the development of people by lifting them with his hands. This has been proven in the first year of his rule. It's a long journey and it's a thorny path. Let us pray that the Hon'ble Chief Minister should win in all his efforts. ●

# One year achievement in the Department of Water Resources

It is impossible to reach the top of the Himalayas within a year of forming the Government. However, the Tamil Nadu Government's schemes would pave way for developing long term irrigation projects.

The Department of Water Resources has taken a number of important schemes and a few among them are mentioned below.

**S. Thirunavukkarasu**
Joint Chief Engineer (Retired), Department of Water Resources

The Government allotted Rs. 434 crore for flood mitigation projects to prevent floods in Chennai and neighbouring Districts. The project is being implemented in two phases, which would mitigate flood damage in rivers Adyar and Kosasthalaiyar.

Rs. 33.50 crore allotted for renovating lakes in Sivagangai and Tiruppur Districts.

The Government allotted Rs. 31.15 crore for preparing Detailed Project Report for long term projects Kodhaiyar, Colleroon, Vennar and Parambikulam-Azhiyar Basin.

The Government allotted Rs. 5.50 crore for effectively identifying encroachments on water bodies with the help of satellites.

The Government allotted Rs. 9.50 crore for preparing Detailed Project Report for setting up reservoirs in Kanniyakumari, Tirunelveli and Tenkasi Districts.

The Government allotted Rs. 35 crore for setting up a new lake in Kasthurirangapuram village in Tirunelveli District.

The Government allotted Rs. 84.30 crore for establishing new dams in Kancheepuram, Sivagangai and Tenkasi Districts.

The Government allotted Rs. 88 crore for setting up check dams for recharging the ground water table in Ranipettai, Thirupatthur and Vellore Districts.

The Government allotted Rs. 215 crore for renovating the water resources in eight Districts including Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Dindigul, Madurai and Thirupatthur Districts.

The Government allotted Rs. 37.20 crore for renovating the drainage channel in Kadambankulam in Tuticorin District.

The Government allotted Rs.70.95 crore for establishing check dams in eight Districts including Coimbatore, Dindigul, Perambulur, Salem and Thirupattur Districts.

The Government allotted Rs. 70 crore for taking up flood mitigation works in Kanniyakumari District, which faces floods repeatedly.

The Government earmarked Rs. 118 crore for repair, renovation and restoration work in 150 lakes, other than the ones mentioned above.

Other than these revolutionary schemes, the Government had undertaken renovating sluices of dams and bringing back life to abandoned water resources. These were not mentioned here due to lack of space. All these schemes were completed within a year, which is nothing but a Himalayan achievement by the Government.

Under the leadership of former Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi the Government created 50 reservoirs. The then Chief Minister had taken effort to complete construction of reservoirs, which were commenced during the Congress rule. The present Government is keen in identifying the sites, which are suitable for setting up new dams, as there is not enough sites for setting up new dams in the state.

The Government set up the Standing Irrigation and Water Resources Committee under Thiru. Thirumalai I.A.S., during the rule of former Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi. The Committee submitted a District wise report. And in addition to the recommendation, the present Government should collect present data and renovate the water resources. This would benefit the state immensely. ●

# Dravidian Movement set to guide India

When the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin uttered his name as 'Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin' during the swearing in ceremony of the new Government, he lifted his head for 'a second' before signing on May 7, 2021. This was the time Tamil Nadu began to lift its head high.

Soon Hon'ble Chief Minister signs the first G.O. enabling all women to travel free of cost in Government-owned city and town buses with immediate effect in the state. This was a promise made by the DMK during the run-up to the General Assembly election.

The revolutionary scheme was introduced with an objective of empowering women socially, economically, and politically beyond savings.

In a massive DMK public 'Vidiyal rally' in Tiruchirappalli on March 07, 2021, the party released 'Stalin's seven-point vision for Tamil Nadu'. The principle of Social Justice occupies a prominent place in the vision document. Yes. This was the basis of the Dravidian Movement being built on the principles of Social Justice.

To mark the occasion of centenary commemoration of the historic communal G.O. by the Justice Party, the Hon'ble Chief Minister on September 16, 2021, announced the constitution of Social Justice Monitoring Committee to monitor if Social Justice is being implemented properly in education, employment, postings, promotions and appointments across Tamil Nadu and to make recommendations from time to time to the state Government to take appropriate measures. Neither the Union Government nor the State Government constituted such a committee so far. Tamil Nadu is the first state to set up the Committee.

Prior to this, Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin declared that every September 17, the birth anniversary of social reformer Periyar EV Ramasamy, who was committed to social service throughout his life, would be observed as a Social Justice Day and passed a G.O. that an oath would be administered to the Government employees on this day every year.

With an effort to remove "the thorn in Periyar's heart" and to fulfil Periyar's cherished ambition of eliminating caste discrimination in temples, the then Chief Minister M Karunanidhi appointed archakas (priests) from all castes in temples across Tamil Nadu in 2006. Even though there were no legal impediments, the AIADMK Government had not taken any effort to appoint 247 trained archakas for ten years. Within 100 days of the DMK Government returning to power under the leadership of Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, the Government appointed 208 archakas in temples, managed by the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department - a woman Othuvar was also appointed. The Chief Minister handed over the appointment orders to them.

This legislation was first enacted by the then Chief Minister M.Karunanidhi in 1970, which was met with legal hurdles and controversies. Nearly 51 years later, Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin implemented the legislation, which could be considered as a 'Diamond' in the Social Justice Movement.

On the Republic Day, January 26, 2022, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin announced the creation of All India Federation for Social Justice which would bring leaders, members of civil society and like-minded individuals to a common platform to achieve the principles of federalism and Social Justice at the national level. Citing this, political pundits feel it may be an indication that the principles of Social Justice and the rights of states must become the bedrock of national politics.

**G.Karunanidhi,**

**General Secretary, All India Federation of Other Backward Classes**

Pointing out the Tamil Nadu Government's legal battle to win 27 percent reservation to OBC in UG and PG medical college admission, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin said "I am happy to note that DMK played a key role in the legal battle. Regarding this, the DMK in May 2020 filed the writ petition before the Supreme Court and the Union Government acceded to this only in July 2021.

The medical students not only from Tamil Nadu but also from across the country who were deprived of the OBC reservation in the All India quota for ten years got benefitted and they acclaim proudly that the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin who waged a successful legal battle is their Chief Minister also.

In October 2021, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu wrote a letter to the Chief Ministers of 12 non - BJP states seeking their support against the medical entrance examination - NEET. This is considered as a step to win back the rights of states. Subsequently, the Government unanimously adopted a resolution in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly urging the Union Government to withdraw the proposal of conducting Common University Entrance Test (CUET). The Government of Tamil Nadu remains a role model for other States.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin scored a 'hat trick' by winning legal battles in matters relating to 7.5 per cent internal reservation for the Government school students of Tamil Nadu in NEET for admissions to undergraduate medical courses and other courses, 27 percent reservation to OBC in UG and PG medical college admission in the All-India Quota. And Government of Tamil Nadu protected its right to provide reservation of 50 per cent seats in Government Medical Colleges to rural service doctors in the state.

By these victories Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu successfully demonstrated Dravidian Model growth not only upholds the Social Justice but also regaining State Rights to other States and he also made it clear the Dravidian rule centres around inclusive growth.

Soon after assuming office as Chief Minister, he mention in his new Twitter account "I am from the Dravidian Stock'. When the former Chief Minister, Anna delivered a speech in Parliament in 1962 for the first time, he introduced himself as 'from the Dravidian Stock'. The message in the Twitter of Hon'ble Chief Minister proves that he is a 'Successor' of Anna.

The action and governance of Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin demonstrates that Dravidian Model has been opposed to dividing people and is against keeping the downtrodden away from power centres. The Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin proves that Dravidian Model ensures inclusive growth for all sections of people.

A large number of welfare projects were implemented during the DMK rule for the past one year. The Certificate issued by the people, leaders and scholars of not only Tamil Nadu but from the Northern States, after the one year rule of the DMK, is that it has shown the political direction for the entire Country through its 'Dravidian Mode' Governance based on Social Justice and equality and has emphatically asserted through its functioning that India is a Union States as mentioned in the Preamble of Constitution.

> **"The Chief Minister takes forward the Dravidian Model growth/politics carefully by ensuring inclusive growth for all sections of people."**

Greetings to the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin on the completion of one year in the office! Continue with the good governance and Social Justice journey!

Dravidam Will Win;

Will Guide the Entire India.

# Government scheme for writers - a model for the entire nation

The Government of Tamil Nadu has proposed to launch the "Dream Home Scheme" for Tamil writers. Under the scheme, the writers who have won any of the top four national awards, including Sahitya Akademi Award, will be given five cents of land free of cost in the preferred places in the District of their choice. Or else they would be allotted houses at the Tamil Nadu Housing Board tenements meant for top officials.

This scheme will be rolled out on June 3, the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister Kalaignar M.Karunanidhi. This scheme has been formulated by taking cognizance of the prevailing construction costs. Based on this, the Tamil Development Department has prepared the estimates for the scheme.

A house is not just a dwelling place, it is a sacred accommodation. As the heart is a crucial organ in the human body, a house is a crucial component in external life. Those who reside in ancestral properties are considered fortunate ones. Those who renovate the ancestral property for their own living too are considered to be lucky.

Those who demolish their ancestral property and take soil from it for construction of a new house are deemed to have forgotten the tradition but would not attract any criticism. Those who are constructing houses at new places deviate from tradition and set a new trend.

There are lakhs of people who never realize their dream of having their own house in their lifetime. There are many who bear the burden of repaying the home loan for their entire life span. Owning a house is both a happy proposition and a burdensome one. To enjoy staying in own house, one must cross many fiery rivers.

Though a house is built with brick and mortar, there are many rules governing it. It won't allow the entry of new practices, procedures, and progressive ideas. Therefore, the house will be a heaven for those following the long-established tradition and hell for those who deviate even slightly from tradition.

It is the characteristics of a house to look down upon the writers. Even the financially strong writers do not get due respect in their house. Generally, the writers in Tamil Nadu do not have the luxury of having a separate room in their house for reading and writing.

A house with an airy and peaceful environment that would not hinder the flow of imagination is a far cry. Only the modern generation writers could proudly proclaim that "this is my room where I read and write."

A.Vennila,
Writer

It is still a dream for many writers to have a good paper, good pen, and a computer to put their thoughts down. It is rare to see any house that celebrates the writers. Since writers do not bestow attention to their families and lack financial stability, they are not getting due respect and recognition.

There are writers who indulge in their passion clandestinely, without the knowledge of their house. When the question “Can you write?” is curiously raised, the writers just respond by saying that “I simply scribble some words”, because they could not muster courage to boldly declare that they could write well. Thus, writers are making themselves the laughing stocks.

Historically, Tamil Nadu is known for having had healthy discussions and arguments between kings and pulavars (Tamil scholars) in a bold and courageous manner. The rulers gave importance to the pulavars and extended assistance to them.

As was the practice prevalent during the Sangam Period, the present Government of Tamil Nadu has proposed to launch the Dream Home scheme for writers. This scheme would certainly earn the respect and pride of the writers’ families and relatives.

The recognition to be bestowed upon the writers by the State Government in turn would spur the writers to pursue their heart’s desire with vigour. The house to be given by the Government will not only be a “gift” but also a symbol of identity for the writers.

It is customary for the writers to boldly express their ideas on the podium, passionately discuss the contemporary literary trends and then bid farewell to friends. Once they reach home, they would silently retire to an obscure corner and stay quiet. If that is the case with male writers, not to speak of the plight of the women writers.

The Tamil Development Department has announced that it would every year honour three Tamil writers with the “Ilakkiya Mamani Award” carrying a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh and a gold medal weighing one sovereign.

There are Tamil magazines that give a pittance of Rs. 500 or Rs. 1,000 for a story. There are magazines which could not afford to pay any money to the contributors. There are only a few literary awards that carry a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh.

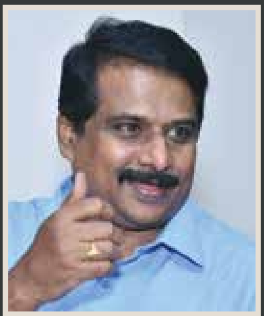
Though an award cannot be related to the cash prize, the latter does add value to the award. For publishing a 400-page book, it now requires at least Rs. 1 lakh investment. Soon after the Tamil writers are selected for national awards such as SakityaAkademi awards, the Hon’ble Chief Minister makes it a point to devote time to meet the writers concerned. This is a pioneering step in the whole of India.

That the State Government has paid homage when the popular writers K.Rajanarayanan, Professor T.Paramasivan and Ilangumaranar breathed their last is an unprecedented act worthy of emulation.

When good writers and their good creations get recognition, it would create a conducive atmosphere for the growth of literature. There would be a proliferation of independent writers.

Government’s recognition is more important to the writing than to the writers. When the Government itself identifies good writing, it will be deemed as a rare privilege. The initiatives taken by Hon’ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin and the Minister for Tamil Development Department Thiru. ThangamThenarasu deserve appreciation and blessings. ●

# Beacon light of Non-Resident Tamils



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Hon'ble Chief Minister Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin-led Government is determined to make Tamil Nadu No.1 State in the country in regard to every Department. Besides this, for improving the lot of the Non-Resident Tamils living abroad, the State Government has formulated an Action Plan with motherly care.

In 2011 the then State Government headed by Kalaignar had come out with the proposal to form a separate board for safeguarding the interests of the overseas Tamils. But owing to a change of Government, it had not fructified. After 10 years this grand plan has become a reality.

The State Government has constituted the Non-Resident Tamils' Welfare Board under the purview of the Minister for Minorities Welfare and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare Thiru. Gingee K.S.Masthan. Hon'ble Chief Minister had earlier announced the formation of the 13-member Non-Resident Tamils' Welfare Board in the State Assembly.

The main objective of this Board is to establish a Legal Aid Centre for the taking up the cause of the Non-Resident Tamils with respective embassies. A distinct database would be created in this regard.

For the capital expenditure of this Board, a sum of Rs. 1.40 crore has been sanctioned. For meeting the expenditure on the welfare schemes, as well as the administrative expenses in this regard, the Government of Tamil Nadu would allot Rs. 3 crore annually.

Tamils have gone overseas with the intention to get good jobs, so they could earn a decent income. But unfortunately, if they happen to die in foreign countries,

there might arise problems in bringing their bodies to Tamil Nadu. In such an event, the wellbeing of the families concerned would become a question mark.

Keeping this in mind, the Board would extend financial assistance for the education and marriage of the family members of those Tamils who breathe their last in foreign shores. Besides these, they would also be enrolled in an orientation programme. Toll free telephone, web portal and mobile application would also be developed for their sake. Facilities would be created for the wards of the Non-Resident Tamils to learn Tamil language. Efforts would also be made to bring all the overseas Tamil Welfare Associations under a single umbrella set-up.

The Chief Minister has also allotted a sum of Rs. 6 crore to be given as grant to those Non-Resident Tamils who return to their native places and start mini enterprises. For those Tamils who bring their money earned abroad for starting their own enterprises would be guided on safe investment avenues.

For those Tamils who are willing to help their native places, “My Village” scheme has been launched. The Hon’ble Chief Minister has formed a two-way relationship bridge with overseas Tamils for twin purposes: one, to protect their interests, and second, to facilitate them to develop Tamil Nadu.

In addition, a social security scheme has been started to safeguard the welfare of Tamils who have come from Sri Lanka. For this purpose, a sum of Rs. 317.40 crore has been allotted. When the civil war was raging in Sri Lanka, several Tamils had come back to Tamil Nadu, and they were all accommodated in 106 camps set up across the state.

Earlier termed as Refugee Camps, these settlements are now renamed as “Sri Lankan Tamils Rehabilitation Camps’’ by the Hon’ble Chief Minister. This social security scheme is being implemented as an action-oriented plan.

> “Hon’ble Chief Minister has formed the two-way relationship bridge— one for ensuring the safety of Non-Resident Tamils and second to facilitate them to work for the development of Tamil Nadu.”

To effectively implement the scheme, an Advisory Committee headed by the Hon’ble Chief Minister, and consisting of an MP, an MLA, Commissioner of Rehabilitation, and the activists who are interested in the welfare of Sri Lankan Tamils has been formed.

On November 2, 2021, the Hon’ble Chief Minister personally visited the Melamonavur Rehabilitation Camp in Vellore District and launched the social welfare security scheme. Following this, MPs, MLAs and District Collectors replicated the scheme in their respective constituencies and jurisdiction.

Through this scheme, projects related to 12 Departments, including residential facility, infrastructure development, employment camp, skill development training, monthly incentive hike, and self-help groups, are being implemented.

A total of 58,688 Sri Lankan Tamils are residing in these camps, and 34,123 Sri Lankan Tamils are staying outside. If they wish to return to Sri Lanka or want to get Indian citizenship, arrangements are being made in unison with the Union Government.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has also made arrangements to protect the interests of those Sri Lankan Tamils affected by the critical economic situation prevailing in that island nation who come to Tamil Nadu.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister has announced that every year January 15 would be celebrated as World Tamils Day and has taken efforts to implement it too. Thus, Hon’ble Chief Minister has become the beacon light for the welfare of the Non-Resident Tamils. ●

# Children's Welfare Government

When the DMK won the landslide victory in 2021, Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin had become the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Since that period happened to be in the thick of the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic, the historic occasion could not be celebrated by the party leaders and cadres.

The virulence of Covid-19 pandemic, particularly during its second wave, was quite intense all over India. It also created serious health issues in Tamil Nadu. Confronted with the challenge of combating the pandemic soon after becoming the Chief Minister, Thiru. Stalin had geared up the entire Government machinery to deal with the critical situation.

Let it be war, pandemic or natural disasters, children are the most affected. At the international level, the Covid-19 pandemic had been termed as a "Super Spreader". It is quite common and natural that children will be present at the places where the corona virus has its sway.

Not to be deterred by the enormity of the situation, the Government of Tamil Nadu led by the Chief Minister Thiru. Stalin, set up separate wards for children afflicted with the disease. I think avoiding the clubbing of the affected children with affected adults at the quarantine centres is a thoughtful arrangement made by the state Government. Besides giving appropriate medical treatment, the Government had also roped in specialists and experts. Care had been taken to provide adequate food and medicine to those who were quarantined.

Another fall-out of the pandemic is that it has created many orphans as either both the parents or single parents fell prey to the disease. Therefore, for taking care of the orphaned children numbering 315, the Government had allotted a sum of Rs. 15.75 crore. It means, the Government has deposited Rs. 5 lakh in the names of the affected children to ensure their rights to life and education.

Similarly, for each of the 9,147 children who have lost either of the parents, the Government had deposited more than Rs. 270 crore in their names in banks. Besides this, the Government had also sanctioned Rs. 84 lakh to 308 more children to protect their interests.

Though the pandemic had caused multiple problems all over India, no other state in the country has taken the measures that Thiru. Stalin-led Government of Tamil Nadu has taken for the welfare of the affected children.

Amidst many states that hid the losses and deaths due to corona, the Government headed by the Chief Minister Stalin protected the children. The orphaned children who have lost either of their parents would obviously face many risks in life. It may force them

to drop out of schools or they may be subjected to sexual abuse. Such children have been brought under the direct supervision of the District Children Welfare Officers so as to protect their interests and studies upto the age of 18. This is a laudable move on the part of the state Government.

**Devaneyan**, Children Rights Activist

The Government is keen that the children thus affected should get higher education without any hindrance. Above all, to safeguard children from sexual harassment, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act has been brought into force.

But the earlier rulers failed to pass on the financial assistance to the affected children as provided under the Act. Removing the lapses, Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned Rs. 372 crore for the benefit of such children.

The Union Government had formulated the National Policy for Children in 2013. But the provisions of this Act remained largely unimplemented. To implement the Act in letter and spirit, the Government of Tamil Nadu has appointed a Monitoring Committee.

For protecting the social welfare of children, the state Government conducted regional level seminars with the involvement of over 35 Departments. Through this, the Government had emphatically sent home the message that development is closely linked to the welfare of children.

This has formed the basis for rolling out the guidelines for child welfare for the next 10 years. This move of the Government is highly appreciable. Nowhere in India such schemes are in vogue.

Following are some more important schemes in this regard:

- The training centres for children will be run as per the guidelines of the UNICEF.
- The economic disaster caused by the Covid-19 pandemic has made 16 lakh students unable to pay the school fees. Hence, they are pushed towards the Government-run schools. To accommodate all of them, the Government is improving the school facilities.
- Feeding the data on the drop-out children on websites and deploying officials and teachers to probe the reasons for the discontinuation of study and create suitable situations to bring them all back to school are all unique.
- To set right the situation, the Education Department has taken the "Illam Thedi Kalvi" (Education at Doorstep) initiative.
- To prevent child marriages the District administrations have been prodded to act in right earnest; and for implementing the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, school management committees are formed.

Soon after coming to power the Minister for School Education Thiru. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi had suggested formation of the school management committees. In this committee, the parents of children studying in Government schools would constitute 75 percent, most of them are mothers.

Earlier such committees, consisting of local body representatives, existed only on paper. Soon after coming to power, the Government established the school management committees.

In the school management committee meetings, held so far, as many as 50 lakh parents participated. This move has facilitated the linking of education with the society and, thus, strengthened the education system.

To protect children from sexual abuse suggestion boxes in the name of "Student's Mind" have been put in place in schools. This has come as a great relief for parents. Through these suggestion boxes, many black sheep have been identified and arrested.

This measure has instilled confidence and hope particularly among the girl students in the Stalin-led Government. Acting transparently, the current dispensation is acting as a children's welfare Government.

These are the initial signs of Tamil Nadu transforming into a state for welfare of children. We have to travel a long way, and in this journey Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin is leading children by handholding them. ●

# The Rule of Law Prevails

The Rule of Law principle has replaced the sway of monarchy and proved that no monarch is above law. It brought to an end Medieval European Imperialism. The political confusion and uncertainty in socio-economic situations caused by the second World War brought many changes in the society.

Let it be public sector undertakings or the private sector undertakings, all are bound by law and are treated equal before law. Peace, security, political stability, economic sustainability, Social Justice and fundamental rights of people are the ingredients of the Rule of Law.

In India the Rule of Law has been established under Section 13 of the Constitution. This means, the country has to act according to the Law of the Land. The Government as well as the people should abide by the Constitution. Above all, the structure of the Indian Government should adhere to the provisions of the Constitution.

Therefore, it has been made clear that the Constitution is the supreme law and laws meant for the people must be passed by the Parliament and the State Assemblies and executed evenly. But in the multi-ethnic, multi-lingual and multi-cultural India, a question is raised as to whether the Union Government is treating all states on equal terms? It is a sad situation that the answer is a big "No."

Certain states in North India do not contribute much to the economic development. Yet, the Union Budgetary allocation to those states is much higher than that of the states like Tamil Nadu which are contributing substantially to the country's economy.

Therefore, it is obvious that in the affairs of the country, the Rule of Law principle is not duly applied. Soon after World War I came to an end, Dravida Movement came up in Tamil Nadu. This movement strongly advocated the Social Justice principle to remove inequities in the society and propagated reservation policies for eliminating discrimination in terms of education and employment. These policies have strengthened the Rule of Law principle.

The Rule of Law underscores the point that all are equal before law and all of them should be given equal opportunities. In 1967, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam had come to power in Tamil Nadu and started creating a situation in which the people belonging to oppressed and backward classes and women were given chances to find a place in the law-making bodies.

From then on, Perarignar C.N. Annadurai and Muthamizharignar Kalaignar established the Rule of Law. Following their footsteps, Thiru. M.K.Stalin, who has become the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu with an overwhelming support of the people on May 7, 2021, is excellently preserving the Rule of Law.

Advocate
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Madras High Court

The present Government is emphatic on the welfare of women and children, transparent governance, uniqueness in maintaining law and order, formation of separate Department for redressing the grievances of people, and so on. It launched "Naan Mudhalvan" scheme for improving the skills of youth. All these initiatives pave the way for the prevalence of the Rule of Law.

Free travel in State Transport Corporation-run buses for women is being implemented without discrimination to all sections of women. The Stalin-led Government has been striving to eliminate NEET examination so as to ensure equality in medical education admission and scrap the entrance examinations for joining Central Universities (CUET) through passing of resolutions in the State Assembly, staging protests not to give up State's rights, and launching legal protests to protect the rights of Tamil Nadu.

These initiatives go to prove that the Stalin-led Government is a strict adherent to the Rule of Law. My greetings to the Government that has completed one year of rule in power. The Hon'ble Chief Minister is aiming to make Tamil Nadu not only a No.1 state in India but also to occupy a pride of place in the comity of nations. I express my heartfelt greetings to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for his endeavours. ●

# Climate Change & Agriculture Budget

The Government of Tamil Nadu led by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin is starkly facing three issues:

1. Social contradictions caused by increasing inhumane acts
2. Increasing economic contradictions
3. Environmental contradictions caused by climate change and environment degradation

All these three contradictions are intertwined. Environment contradictions greatly impact agriculture. The new situation arising out of climate change, frequent occurrences of natural disasters, water shortage, depleting underground water table, soil losing its natural characteristics, and change in monsoon behavior are certain critical problems confronting the Government.

Compounding these are the socio-economic problems already faced by the farmers. There cannot be any single solution for all these problems. These issues should be attacked from multiple angles.

Soon after coming to power this Government had announced preparation of a separate budget for agriculture. We welcomed the proposal at once. Similarly, creating a separate Ministry to handle climate change issues is a welcome move.

Our future depends on the kind of situation being created by climate change. We are going to live amidst natural disasters and make food production within such constraints. Hereafter living in the midst of natural disaster will become a new norm. Keeping these factors in mind, we have to formulate our future policies.

Since our state Government has the necessary vision, it could take proactive measures to deal with climate changes. It has the responsibility of charting

out agriculture production in tune with climate change. This responsibility has been spelt out in the agriculture budget.

On August 14, 2021, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Thiru. M.R.K. Panneerselvam presented the maiden agriculture budget in the State Assembly. It spelt out many important announcements as follows:

- The Nammalvar Organic Farming Research Centre has been set up on the campus of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and a sum of Rs. 3 crore allocated for taking up research in organic farming.
- Under the Organic Agriculture Development Scheme, a sum of Rs. 33.03 crore has been sanctioned to improve soil health and produce healthy foodgrains.
- Launching of Nel Jayaraman's Heritage Paddy Varieties' Protection Movement for the purpose of collecting the traditional paddy seeds, protecting them and distributing them to farmers for propagation.
- Launching of Palmyrah Development Mission at a cost of Rs. 3 crore to improve the lots of those farmers who depend on palmyrah trees for their livelihood. Regularization of procedures for cutting down palmyrah trees.
- To improve the livelihood of Cauvery delta farmers and farm hands, a proposal to form the Agro Industrial Corridor between Trichy and Nagapattinam Districts.
- A separate division for taking care of organic farming would be set up in the Agriculture Department.

All the above demands were the long pending demands of the Poovulagin Nanbargal (Friends of Earth), an environmental organization based in Tamil Nadu.

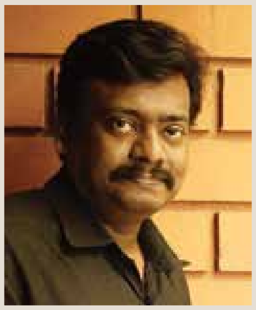
These initiatives are meant to take the efforts of Nammalvar, a green crusader and an environmental activist, and Nel Jayaraman, a farmer and an advocate of traditional paddy seed varieties, to the next level. This would also encourage the farmers who have taken up organic farming.

The announcement made in the maiden agriculture budget that by bringing an additional area of 11.75 lakh hectares under cultivation, the net cultivable area in the state would be increased from 60 per cent to 75 per cent is a welcome one. This initiative would transform Tamil Nadu into a food self-sufficient state.

However, it should not be missed that the underground water table in many Districts is a cause for concern. Keeping this also in mind, the area under cultivation must be expanded, and cultivation

of less water intensive crops should be encouraged.

In the second agriculture budget submitted by Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Thiru. M.R.K. Panneerselvam in the State Assembly on March 19, 2022, various schemes and the budgetary allocation for them were spelt out.



Advocate
**M. Vetriselvan,**
PoovulaginNanbargal

Under the Nel Jayaraman Heritage Paddy Varieties Protection Movement, a wide variety of paddy seeds have been sown in 200 acres of Government seed farms. From these farms, till now 59 metric tonnes of seeds have been produced.

Thiru. Pannerselvam had pointed out that climate changes had been posing serious challenges to the world community right from the 21st century. In his speech, he also pointed out many issues featured in the report of the Inter Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Due to its geographical location the impact of climate change is acutely felt in Tamil Nadu. The IPCC in its sixth Assessment Report has noted that 29 Districts in Tamil Nadu would be impacted by climate change. Therefore, the Minister stressed the need for taking counter measures to mitigate the impact of climate change on agriculture.

Agriculture production has taken a beating owing to climate change. To withstand the adverse impact of climate change, alternate crops should be developed, suggested the Minister. In this regard, the role of organic farming is crucial. The IPCC reports also emphasize the same point.

Application of chemical based pesticide releases methane in the atmosphere. This in turn spurs global warming. Therefore, we are pushed into a situation where we have to invariably increase organic farming.Therefore, the launching of the new scheme- State Agriculture Development Scheme- at a cost of Rs. 71 crore, for implementing the organic farming and inputs distribution, is an essential one. Through this initiative, organic farming would get revived.

Similarly, the budget has listed out the following measures too:

• Rs. 30 crore allocated to introduce organic farming in horticulture crops.

• Rs. 12 crore sanctioned for Tree Growing Scheme.

• Rs. 2 crore for reviving the traditional vegetable varieties.

• Rs. 2.65 crore for improving palmyrah cultivation .

• Rs. 65.65 crore for ensuring long term sustainable income under the Integrated Farm Cluster Scheme.

• Rs. 75 lakh allocation for the setting up of a soil test laboratory at Mayiladuthurai.

• Rs. 50 lakh for conducting Genetic Diversity Fairs.

• Allocation of Rs. 65.34 crore for setting up 3,000 pump-sets under the Chief Minister Solar Powered Pump Scheme, and Rs. 3 crore for buying 145 solar driers.

• Starting of small grains and pulses movement.

• Permission to sell small grains and pulses through Uzhavar Sandhais (Farmers' Markets) in every District across the State in the evenings.

• To revive the traditional horticulture varieties.

The above are certain important announcements made in the budget to safeguard the interests of farmers and promote organic farming. Besides these, intercropping cultivation and forest-based farming would also be encouraged, as hinted in the budget.

Therefore, the agriculture budget should be viewed as a means to sustain agriculture against all sorts of adversities. The second report of the Task Force of the IPCC has warned that by 2050 agriculture production in South India would be gravely impacted.

In this context, the agriculture budget focusing attention on promoting organic farming, less water intensive crops, and cultivation of small grains must definitely be welcomed.

# From tradition blossoms alternative politics

**A** leader cannot be evaluated on the scales with weighing stones. He can be evaluated based on where he does stand in the fast-changing parameters of the contemporary world.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin has already proven his mettle in the management of the DMK party organization and the Government machinery. In the past one year of his rule, Hon'ble Chief Minister has outlined the political values to one and all. I consider the values he propagates as the most important aspects of governance.

It can be said without any doubt that the one-year rule of the Hon'ble Chief Minister is the extension of the 50-year rule of the Dravidian regime. Let us take for instance free travel allowed for women in State Transport Corporation-run town bus services.

All journeys cannot be determined based on distance. Some travels transcend the frozen times too. Bicycles given free of cost to girl students are a valid sign of the beginning of this journey.

Those who rode on the bicycles given by the Government might have landed in jobs now in big cities for which they would have to commute a long distance every day.

The less fortunate ones might be able to take up a daily wage work, travelling to nearby villages. The Government has taken away the travel burden of all of them. What started as a cycle ride, now continues with free trips in buses. This is the unique Dravidian Model.

The uniqueness that could not be seen in others could be traced in Hon'ble Chief Minister within one year of his rule. To explain him rightly, he should be termed as an alternative political leader who has blossomed from tradition.

In the name off "alternative", others have projected mirage and some others have created religious tsunamis. But they have been rejected by the people at large; whereas the people have searched and spotted the right leader in him. He is like a local old well/fountain dredged afresh.

At all levels, the web of power politics is subtly present. This net ejects the common people as if they are mosquitoes to be squashed, while certain others are scooping powers as sumptuous catch of fishes. However, Thiru. Stalin has technically torn off this net.

People's rule, Social Justice and equality are not only associated with Government-sponsored welfare schemes. Thiru. Stalin is moving towards the realization of the dream that these aspects should get reflected in all the activities of the Government.

Against many odds, Thiru. Stalin has tried to carve out the first step in the steep boulder. His intention is to perpetuate the long-term pride of Tamil Nadu and at the same time subjecting himself to self-introspection. This is what his first step (one year rule) meant.

When a political party comes to power, its tolerance and plurality are as important as that of its ideology. Internalizing this crucial perspective, Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin had gone on record stating that his rule would make even those people who had not voted for him to regret for not having done so.

These are not mere utterances of a victor who is in euphoria of victory. Thiru. Stalin is sincerely following his principle in governance. In the history of Tamil Nadu, the year 2021 could be termed as a transition period, and more than anybody else, this has been well realised by Thiru. Stalin.

The present target is same as that of the one on the well-trodden path. But now the path is filled with many challenges. As a seasoned driver steers through all these impediments with ease, Tamil Nadu is now in the safe hands of the "driver" (Hon'ble Chief Minister Stalin) who has fully realised his duties and responsibilities.This is the proof of the first year of the dawn.

"To explain him rightly, he has blossomed from tradition. ●

Prof.Dr.Mohammad Rafiq alias Maanaseegan

# Golden Day of Tamil Nadu

The achievements of the one-year Dravidian Model rule of Hon'ble Chief Minister Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin are beyond the expectations of the people of Tamil Nadu. One among these, the "Naan Mudhalvan" scheme is noteworthy.

Under this scheme, it is proposed to improve the skills of 10 lakh youth every year in terms of education, knowledge and talent to transform them as achievers. The scheme is an excellent one for this laudable objective.

Whatever be the family and economic background of the students, if they fix a target and work smartly towards that goal, none could prevent them from attaining success. The scheme proposes to instill such a confidence among the youth.

The prosperous America is the outcome of the diligent implementation of various self-improvement programmes. Similarly, the 'Naan Mudhalvan Scheme' is a grand self-improvement programme.

Just having a history of 500 years, America has produced several achievers of wonderful credentials to the astonishment of the world. Take any sphere of activity, be it software development, transport, space science, media, and stock exchange, Americans have reached dizzying heights.

It is because just like educational institutions, the self-improvement movement in America has become active and assumed the role of motivating the youths to become achievers. This movement is initiating the youths in life-oriented skills which are outside the syllabus.

From the student days, this movement is imparting life-oriented skills such as self-confidence, how to set lofty goals, smart work, and perseverance.

Karate Legend 'Bruce Lee', who grew up as a rough and tough boy in China, went to America and got transformed into a Hollywood Super Star. It was possible, because he got motivation from the self-improvement programme that was in vogue there.

The reputed author of self-improvement books such as "The Law of Success," and "Think And Grow Rich," Napoleon Hill has revealed the wonderful life strategy of fixing a "definite chief aim".

If a person accurately thinks about the future goal for success, puts it down on a paper, and ceaselessly strives to achieve it, he is sure to attain success, wrote Napoleon Hill. Bruce Lee closely followed the guidelines of Napoleon Hill and reached the pinnacle of glory.

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**Editor, Kids Punnagai Genius Punnagai Education Monthly Magazine**

In his 26th year in January 1969 Bruce Lee wrote a letter addressed to himself. He gave the title "My definite chief aim" to his letter. The content of the letter reads as follows: "I, Bruce Lee, will become the highest paid Asian actor in America. For achieving this, I would sharpen my skills in martial arts to the wonderment of the world. From the beginning of the year 1970, I would start attaining world fame. By the end of 1980, my earnings would touch $10 million. I would lead an enjoyable life with happiness and contentment."

The important thing to be noted here is that when Bruce Lee wrote this letter, he had already fathered two children and lived in abject poverty. In the next few years, he accomplished what he had stated in the letter. Not only Bruce Lee, the self-improvement programme of America has produced innumerable achievers and legends, including Bill Clinton, Andrew Agassi, Michael Jordan, Oprah Winfrey, Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, Mark Zuckerberg, and Elon Musk.

Identical to this endeavour, our loveable Chief Minister has launched the self-improvement movement in the name of "Naan Mudhalvan" scheme. Following are the salient aspects of this scheme:

- Train the students self confidence boosting exercise.
- Enabling students to identify their latent talents and guide them to bring out their talents.
- Giving guidance to them on higher education and overseas education.
- Developing conversational skills in Tamil and English languages.
- Creating awareness on health and fitness.
- Extending help in getting jobs in public and private sector undertakings.

When all these special features of the scheme are fully implemented, lakhs of youths in Tamil Nadu would become great achievers. Realizing the importance of this scheme, educationists and journalists should make its implementation a success.

In another 10 years, the entire world would applaud the great impact caused by the scheme. At the inaugural ceremony of the "Naan Mudhalvan" scheme, Hon'ble Chief Minister said: "I am inaugurating the scheme on my birthday to enable Tamil Nadu students and youths to come to the forefront. This day is a golden day in my life."

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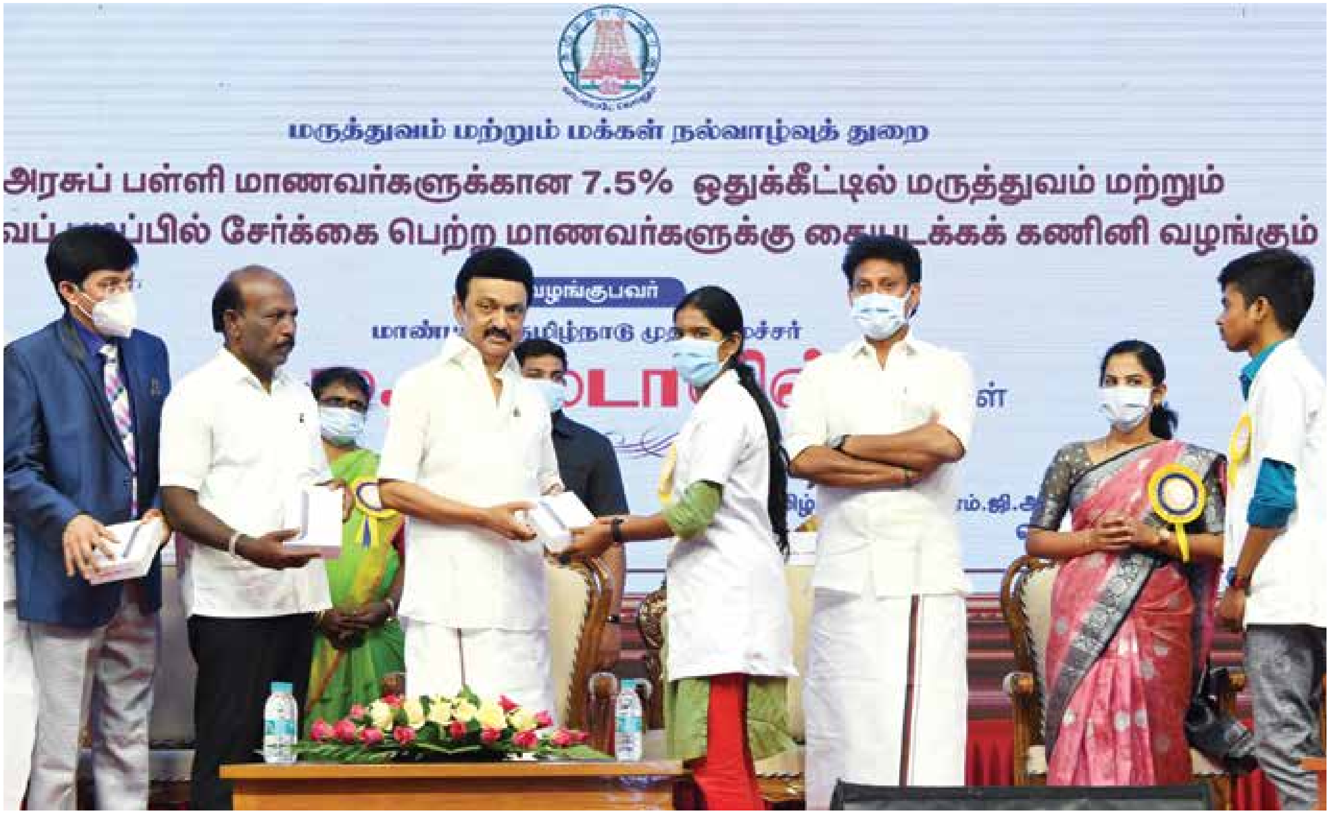
I proudly acknowledge the view of Hon'ble Chief Minister that the inaugural day of the "Naan Mudhalvan" scheme was a golden day in the history of Tamil Nadu.

# Chief Minister's Three Victories




In the Union Government-run educational institutions and in public sector enterprises, reservation was earlier provided only to the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes and not to the backward classes.

When Morarji Desai was the Prime Minister, the Mandal Commission was constituted in December 1978 to probe the issue of providing reservation for the backward classes and file a report.

The commission toured the entire country and listed out the castes and communities that lagged in educational and social parameters. When Indira Gandhi was the Prime Minister, the commission submitted the report on December 31, 1980.

The commission recommended reservation based on castes for those who are socially and educationally backward. It took about two years for the then union Government to place the report of the commission before the parliament. Afterwards, the report was put on the backburner.

When V.P.Singh became the Prime Minister, the then Chief Minister Kalaignar realized that it was the right time for the implementation of the Mandal Commission report. Using his influence with Singh, Kalaignar prevailed upon him to pass a law as per the recommendations of the commission to provide 27 per cent reservation for the socially and educationally backward classes based on castes in Union Government-run educational institutions and the public sector undertakings.

On August 7, 1990, the then Prime Minister V.P.Singh made a historically significant announcement in both the Houses of Parliament that 27 per cent reservation would be provided for backward classes in Union Government-run educational institutions and the public sector undertakings.

Owing to the sincere efforts made by Kalaignar, the backward classes across the country have come to get reservation in educational institutions and in public sector undertakings.

R.Kumar,
Journalist

Thus, Kalaignar gave Social Justice to the backward classes all over the country. Like father, like son. Walking on the footsteps of Kalaignar Karunanidhi, Thiru.M.K.Stalin has given Social Justice to the whole of India. Yes, in the struggle for rendering Social Justice, Hon'ble Chief Minister has achieved the following three victories:

1. It was earlier mandated that 15 percent of seats in the state Government-run medical colleges should be surrendered to the Union Government. Thus, over 4,000 medical seats in the state Government medical colleges are set aside for the Union Government. Out of these seats, the Union Government would have to reserve 27 per cent of seats, ie., over 1,000 medical seats, for the backward class students. But the Union Government failed to do so.

Construing this as an act against Social Justice by the Union Government, the DMK Government filed a case before the court. Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. Stalin led the legal protests from the front, and he took the protest to the national capital, New Delhi.Following this, the Supreme Court judges delivered the judgment stating that the Union Government should provide 27 per cent reservation for backward classes in the medical seats handed over by the state Government-run medical colleges. Through the legal battle, Thiru. Stalin has brought Social Justice for the backward classes all over India.

2. In the higher medical education such as MD and MS, Government of Tamil Nadu was providing 50 per cent reservation for the doctors serving in Government Hospitals.

"Like Kalaignar, Chief Minister Stalin has rendered Social Justice to the whole of India."

After the NEET had come into vogue, the Union Government had scrapped the reservation in higher medical education for the state Government doctors.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Stalin moved a petition before the Supreme Court cogently arguing the set back in scrapping 50 per cent reservation for Government doctors in higher medical education. The judgment came in favour of the Tamil Nadu Government's stand.

Since the Supreme Court judgment is applicable all over the country, Government doctors serving in remote villages across thecountry could avail of the 50 per cent reservation and pursue higher medical education. Thus, Thiru. Stalin has set Social Justice on a strong footing throughout the country.

3. The Government school students in Tamil Nadu used to get 7.5 per cent reservation in medical education. Thiru. Stalin further extended this reservation to other professional colleges, thus facilitating a large number of Government school students to join engineering courses, agricultural courses and veterinary courses. Those who could not tolerate the reservation for the poor students hailing from rural areas went to the court seeking cancellation of such a provision. Thiru. Stalin waged the third legal battle and won the case resoundingly.

Impelled by the universal statement of Kaniyan Poongundranar "All places are mine, all people are my kin", Thiru. Stalin has put a tough legal battleto bring Social Justice not only to Tamil Nadu people, but also for the citizens of the entire country. Through these endeavours, Thiru. Stalin has become the symbol of Social Justice for the entire country. Thus, Thiru. Stalin has emerged as a tall leader, commanding the respect of all Indians. ●

# CM's Language: Simple in words, but profound in thoughts

It requires maturity to deliver profound thoughts in simple language. For attaining such skill, deep knowledge and tireless efforts are necessary. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin has both the qualities in abundance. He is acting on the premise: action is the best word.

It is a fact that his simple words carry profound thoughts. He asked officers to drop the word "refugees", and in its place, use the word "displaced persons" - as the latter term carries a veneer of respectability.

Through the cryptic words "Everything for all", Thiru. Stalin has conveyed the philosophy of the Dravidian Model. Whenever he meets ordinary people, he usually enquires them "How are you?" and thoughtfully adds, "Only when you are well off, not only I, the entire nation will be well off."

He has sent home the clear message: it is in the welfare of the people, the welfare of the country lies. He has also gone on record stating: "It is not my ideal to become a number one Chief Minister, but it is to make Tamil Nadu a number one state".

As Tamil poet Thiruvalluvar stated, Thiru. Stalin follows the principle of "nurturing lofty ideas". By fixing the target of making Tamil Nadu a "one trillion-dollar economy", Thiru. Stalin has attracted the attention of the whole of India.

Announcing Periyar's birth day as Social Justice Day, Thiru. Stalin has directed the people to take a pledge to ensure Social Justice in all their activities. He administered the pledge containing universal thoughts such as: "In my life, I will observe the principles that all are equal by birth as the norm of love; and I belong to every place and all are my Kith and kins as my code of Love and culture. My action will reflect self-respect, administrative ability and rationalistic sharp vision."

He has announced Dr. B.R.Ambedkar's birthday as "Samathuva Day" (Day of Equality) and also structured a right pledge fitting the occasion. In this regard, he has administered the pledge: "I will not identify fellow men in the name of caste, and I will observe equality with my fellow men all through my life."

He has shed new light for the police on how to handle social unrest. He has advised the police not to view caste clashes just as a law-and-order situation, but view it as a social problem.

He has advocated bringing about attitudinal changes among the illiterate youths who indulge in caste clashes, and the educated unemployed. As a measure to put the youth power on the right path, he has suggested encouraging youths to take to sports and join Home Guards.

**K.Sivagnanam,**
**Senior Journalist**

Earlier, religion was confined only to religious matters. But certain vested interests have started using religion for politics. By stating that religious clashes are instigated, he has identified the elements that inject poison  in the society.

He has advised the police not to identify rowdy elements with  their places such as North and Central Chennai rowdy, nor identify them with caste or community. He has also instructed them not to say, "ganja trade in slum areas"and by doing so he has removed the long existing blots in the records.

When a police officer said that stone quarries were producing rowdies, Thiru. Stalin intervened and told the officer politely that stone quarries would not breed rowdy elements, but owing to professional competition, rowdy elements might crop up.

The same police officer has now launched "Velicham" (Light), "Udhayam" (Rise) and "Vidiyal" (Dawn) schemes for controlling rowdyism. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has generously stated that these schemes could be replicated all over Tamil Nadu.

Thus, Thiru. Stalin has proved that a good administrator accepts and implements good things conveyed to him and gives advice if contra things are  brought before him.

The primary duty of the police is not to reduce occurrence of crimes, but to totally eliminate the occurrence of crimes. It is good to maintain law and order: but it is better to see to it that no law and order issue arises.

The Police Department should transform itself into a mechanism to prevent crimes from that of getting punishments for the wrong doers. These are some of the gems of wisdom pronounced by Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Thiru. Stalin always stresses, "Simply because I am occupying the Chief Minister's post, I will not tend to feel that I could accomplish everything. I am backed by Ministers, Department Secretaries, District Collectors, and Superintendents of Police. The Government comprises all of them and governance is a collective responsibility. Having trust in us, the people have given their mandate to us to govern the state. Therefore, District Collectors and Police Officers should safeguard the faith reposed in them. A Government should wipe out the misery of an individual in the farthest corner of the state." Thiru. Stalin has proudly proclaimed that his Government is working on this principle.

Periyar E.V.Ramasamy first translated Communist ideology in Tamil and christened children as "Russia". Even my name is Stalin," he said amidst comrades subtling conveying that he is also a comrade.

He has emphatically said that Tamil Nadu and its Dravidian Model alone will guide India to become a country of equality and a country of Social Justice. By launching the "Naan Mudhalvan" scheme, he has spurred the youths to cultivate forward looking progressive ideas. He has instilled in them self-assurance that a bright future awaits them.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin has identified himself as one among us. Within a short span of time, he has proved his statement: "We will administer in a way that even those who have not voted for DMK should feel anguished that they have not voted for such a Government."

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# Chief Minister in people's mind

January 25, 2021.

At the doorstep of Gopalapuram residence.

Yes...from this place has happened a momentous occasion to improve the livelihood of the people of Tamil Nadu. "Stalin in your constituency" is the name given to the election campaign undertaken by Thiru. M.K.Stalin all over the state. In the next 30 days, I will participate in the public meetings in all the 234 assembly constituencies.

In those public meetings, the villagers and those belonging to particular wards or the constituency could hand over the petitions regarding their grievances. Each of those petitions would be given a specific number and entered in the record, and an acknowledgement slip issued to the petitioners.

"I myself will collect all the petitions and put them safely in a sealed bundle," so announced Thiru. Stalin. Grievance Day and petition receiving procedures have been there for long. But where does the "Stalin in your constituency" campaign stand out, one may wonder. Thiru. M.K.Stalin gives an assurance in front of the people of Tamil Nadu. "It is my primary duty to solve your problems. The first 100 days of my Government would be devoted to solving your problems on a war footing. I am responsible for it-I only am responsible for it," thus said Thiru.Stalin standing in front of the Gopalapuram residence. These words uttered by him are still reverberating in Tamil Nadu. As promised, the leader went over all the 234 Assembly constituencies and lent an ear to the grievances of the people.

Continuous journey...Tireless search...The people came rushing to see the leader...They related their woes and shed tears...faltering voices owing to worries...with love the leader embraced them all. These scenes unfolded during the "Stalin in your constituency" campaign journey.

The people who petitioned their grievances for 10 years were waiting with fading hopes, wondering whether they could ever get relief. But now a piece of paper is enough to redress

their grievances. Such is the hope instilled among the people.

DMK won the elections. DMK leader Thiru. Stalin became the Chief Minister... His single signature has come as a great relief for people who are awaiting the dawn.

**Divya Nathan,**
**Mediaperson**

May 7 – Chief Minister affixed his signature in 5 files, and one of them happened to be for the creation of a separate Department for the “Chief Minister in your constituency” scheme. On the next day, ie., May 8, the Chief Minister entrusted the keys of the sealed boxes of petitions to the IAS officer Shilpa Prabhakar Sathish.

All the petitions were sorted out and solutions were found to them with the help of the District officials concerned. Then only the petitioners realised the full meaning of the word “Solution.”

Things scribbled on a piece of paper have brought solutions to the long pending grievances. Happiness and joyful tears could be seen on the face of the beneficiaries. This is the meaning

**Mariamma**

behind the word “Vidiyal” (Dawn). During the election campaign, lakhs of people reposed their faith in Mr Stalin and earnestly believed that when he comes to power, they could have better days.

Among some of the beneficiaries I know of is Mariamma. She is selling food items from a pushcart stationed at the Madavaram milk depot. She is very popular in the area. Her idlies and dosas satiate the hunger of the labourers. It is hard for her to get a daily income of Rs 150. It is the only source of livelihood for her.

Two years ago, her husband died of a disease. She has three children, but her financial situation has pushed her to a lonely life. She had applied for widow pension many times to the earlier dispensation. But every time she got disappointed. For her, ‘the Stalin campaign journey ‘came as a great relief.

One day when she was sitting idle at her home due to lockdown, she received a phone call. The voice from the other end said ‘Hello, Mariamma. I am Stalin speaking. What about your demands... Are you happy?’ She has been promptly sanctioned a monthly widow pension of Rs 1,000. “I am very happy, very happy”

**Sajith**

responded Mariamma. These are not simple words.

Another one is an electrician named Thiru. Sakthivel. He is living in Tharamani area, Chennai. His wife is Tmt. Dhanalakshmi. The couple has two children: Sajith, studying fourth standard, and Gokul, studying third standard. Both the children are short of hearing which is a genetic problem that came with the birth.

Sajith must fully depend upon hearing aids. But the family could not afford to buy the much-needed hearing aids. So, Tmt. Dhanalakshmi gave a petition to Stalin for financial assistance. Within two months of submitting the petition, her demand was conceded. Hon’ble

Chief Minister Thiru.M.K. Stalin himself fixed the hearing aid to Sajith. Now Sajith is alive to the sound around him.

Here is one more. At the tender age of one year, Umadevi was afflicted with polio. From then on her mobility is greatly affected. She would have to exert a lot to take a step. Because of this disability, she remained depressed. She belongs to Thiruvottiyur

**Umadevi**

in Chennai. About 15 years ago, she fell in love and got married. Her husband is employed in an aluminium vessel producing factory. The couple has two daughters. It is a loving, peaceful family. But because of the tight financial situation, they could not buy even small things to fulfill their genuine needs.

Umadevi often felt that her husband had been constantly burdened with family problems. So, she was willing to take up a job to lighten his burden, but her physical condition did not allow her to do so.

It is problematic for her to walk even a small distance. She is of the fond hope that if she has got a two-wheeler, she could manage her mobility and could be of some help to the family. But the two-wheeler with extra wheels for the disabled people is priced about Rs. 75,000. The family which is already deep in debt could not afford to raise another loan. During the previous rule, she sent many petitions but every time she met with disappointment.

It is under these circumstances Umadevi, gave a petition during the "Stalin in your constituency campaign". Within one week of DMK coming to power, she received a phone call from the Department for the Welfare of the Differently Abled persons.

After checking the documents and medical records, she was sanctioned Rs. 73,000 for the purchase of a two-wheeler with extra wheels. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin himself handed over the key of the two-wheeler to Umadevi.

The campaign gave an insight into the factors like: 'What are the common problems faced by the people', 'In which areas the Government would have to concentrate more', 'What are the hindering factors in implementing the welfare schemes', and so on. This scheme can also be said to be fit for nation-wide implementation. This is also a drop in the Dravidian Model...a massive drop!! ●

# A Government that Turns Challenges into Opportunities

Firmly holding the principle of Social Justice as an enabler, the Tamil Nadu State administration is acting with rejuvenated enthusiasm and striving to make development dreams a reality. The signs for achieving this are clearly visible.

For ensuring Social Justice and empowering the people, education and employment are two crucial factors. I want to point out the challenges being faced in these two sectors. At 51.4 per cent Higher Education Student Index, Tamil Nadu is standing at the forefront of the educational sector.

The major contributors to this trend are the Scheduled Castes - 39.6 per cent, Scheduled Tribes – 40.7 per cent and women – 51 per cent. At the same time the school dropout ratio stands at 16 per cent.

In such a situation, only a lesser number of people would get involved in agriculture. In the manufacturing and service sectors, the list of those who are waiting for opportunities, is lengthening. Of late, the growth of these sectors is stunted.

Besides this, the gap between education and actual reality is widening, and there is pronounced laxity in the skill level of the educated. The outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic has kept the keys of education and jobs beyond reach.

In such a challenging situation, the Government of Tamil Nadu has taken up many schemes, policy decisions, and projects. The "Illam Thedi Kalvi" (Education at Doorstep) scheme involving 1,80,000 volunteers tries to fill the gap in the learning process of children hit by the pandemic.

The Moovalur Ramamirtham Memorial Marriage Assistance Scheme has been modified as the Moovalur Ramamirtham Memorial Higher Education Assistance Scheme with following salient features:

1. When girl students who studied from Class IV to XII in Government schools join undergraduate courses and take up diploma or ITI courses, they would be given a monthly financial assistance of Rs. 1,000 till the completion of the course.

2. If those girl students join the premier institutions like IIT, IIM and IISc, the Government would bear the entire educational expenses in the form of giving scholarships.

3. To encourage the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to become entrepreneurs, a sum of Rs. 30 crore has been allocated for the Tamil Nadu Start-up and Innovation Mission (TANSIM).

4. FinTech City Scheme is proposed to be launched at Nandambakkam and Kannur. This initiative would further expand the service sector. It is good news that many multinational companies such as Apple would be setting up their production centres in Tamil Nadu.

Further, the Government has proposed to set up SIPCOT Parks in the industrially underdeveloped Districts of Thiruvannamalai, Dharmapuri, Tirunelveli, Virudhunagar, Sivagangai, Villupuram, Namakkal, Theni and Nagapattinam.

There is also a proposal to establish Tidel Parks in the Tier II and Tier III cities. To start with, this scheme will be implemented in Tiruppur, Thoothukudi and Villupuram Districts. At Thoothukudi, it is proposed to set up an International Furniture Park. As there is an expectation of an investment of Rs. 4,000 crore it has the potential to create 3.5 lakh jobs.

The Government has announced that it will bear the expenditure for goods in respect of pharmacy, petro-chemical institutions, defense logistics, aerospace articles sectors and smart mobility sector.

Land Development Banks are proposed to be set up at 5 places under TANSIDCO on the basis of revised price policy.

**Vignesh Karthik,**
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Above all, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has sincerely undertaken many tours and organised many conferences to attract investments. In the trouble free religious atmosphere, Tamil Nadu has emerged as a Garden of Peace. Therefore, opportunities are created to attract massive investment for the development and prosperity of the state.

The state GDP in many sectors is quite expensive. Since, Tamil Nadu has become the second largest economic power in the country, it depends less on the share of Union Government levied taxes.

For improving the investment climate in Tamil Nadu, the Union Government's move to arrogate all powers is acting as a stumbling block. But the schemes mentioned above indicate that Tamil Nadu is travelling in the right direction.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has been proclaiming the specialty of the Dravidian Model. The efficiency of this model will be judged based on the outcomes of the Government's initiatives.

# Dravidian Model Government ensures People's Rights

We are living in Tamil Nadu at a point of time which has never been seen in the history of the state. The people of Tamil Nadu are about to take a great leap forward under Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru.M.K.Stalin's good governance.

Now, Tamil Nadu is the second biggest economy in the country. For ages such an economic situation never existed. For three decades post Independence, there was a great exodus of people from Tamil Nadu to northern and western states in search of livelihood.

**Jayannathan Karunanidhi,**
Columnist

It is not an exaggeration to state that the foundation for the growth we witness today was laid during those three decades. The pre-Independence Justice Party propagated the Social Justice principle in a legal manner.

Post-Independence, this principle was implemented regardless of party affiliation. It was after 1967, this principle had been implemented with vigour. For taking the benefits of the Government policies in regard to education and

job, the Backward Classes Commission was formed under the chairmanship of A.N.Sattanathan.

After studying the social reality, the Commission came out with recommendations based on which the percentage of reservation for the backward classes and the scheduled castes was increased.

Following this, the number of schools, colleges, medical infrastructure, and industrial estate infrastructure were increased in the next 20 years. When the country was preparing to adopt globalization and privatization policies, Tamil Nadu had leaped forward in manufacturing and telecommunication sectors.

Though Tamil Nadu has emerged as the second biggest economy among the states in the country, for the past seven years, it had not seen any forward-looking visionary Government. Because of this, Tamil Nadu lost the opportunity to nurture an all-inclusive economy that could have acted as a catalyst for innovation and development.

For the past one year, the Stalin-led Government had effectively combated the impact of Covid-19 pandemic. He has also brought in steady and continuous investments for the state. Now, Tamil Nadu has become the top destination in India for investments.

The state Government is also taking steps to improve the electric vehicle, atomic power components industry, and the fintech ecosystem. This growth is termed as unique because it has taken along the people with it, without alienating them.

For the people to benefit from these initiatives, the Government has been taking many legal battles to ensure educational rights. (eg., NEET examination, 7.5 per cent reservation for Government school students, 27 per cent reservation for Other Backward Classes, and so on).

To sharpen the skill level of our students, the Government is implementing the “Naan Mudhalvan” and “Illam Thedi Kalvi” schemes. To control the spread of life-style diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular diseases, the Government has launched the “Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam” scheme.

This has improved the health condition of those patients and to a large extent prevented loss of lives. To mitigate the impact of environmental degradation and rejuvenate the environment, the Government has launched the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission, Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission, and Green Tamil Nadu Mission.

Now people are imbued with the mentality that with honest striving, they could come up in life. To encourage them further, the Government has taken multiple initiatives to ensure Social Justice in education and jobs, assistance to prospective entrepreneurs, incentive for manufacturing industries, medical infrastructure, educational infrastructure and revision of syllabus, water management infrastructure and environmental protection.

The Government is formulating visionary policies with the help of international experts to make Tamil Nadu a leading state not only in India but in the entire South Asia. It knows full well that the rights of people and the rights of the state are intertwined, and the Government has launched many legal battles to establish and protect its rights.

It is the aim of the Government that such measures would enable Tamil Nadu to make great leap forward in economic development.

"To sharpen the skill level of our students, the Naan Mudhalvan and Illam Thedi Kalvi schemes have been launched with foresight."

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# Labour-friendly Government

**F**uming and fretting over the miserable conditions of labourers, the revolutionary Tamil poet Bharathiyar wrote the following lines with anguish:

Whatever things we see are created by labourers

But what they see is poverty

They wear endless tolerance

If the poet were alive today, he would be too glad to know that the present state Government is doing a lot for the welfare of the labourers. If we think on the lines of Pattukottai Kalyanasundaram that "the job we do is God," then the place of work can be considered as a place of worship.

But the condition of labourers is nothing to write home about. The salespersons in jewellery shops, textile showrooms, commercial complexes, and supermarkets used to stand throughout the duty hours. Because of their constant standing they were suffering from health issues such as leg pain, knee pain and varicose vein problem.

As soon as the new Government amended the existing law making it mandatory for the proprietors to provide seats to salespersons and depending upon the nature of their work, they should be allowed to sit and work.

This initiative has brought cheers to salespersons and a new dawn has happened in their life. In this aspect, next to Kerala, Tamil Nadu has enacted a law. Happy childhood means soon after rising from bed, children should study the lessons and then sing pious songs, and play for the whole evening.

But many children have lost their childhood because they were forced to slog in hotels, factories, and quarries so as to eke out a living and be of some support to their poverty-stricken families.

Denying children proper life is worse than committing a heinous crime. Soon after the new Government has taken over the reins of power, it has initiated appropriate steps to rescue child labourers and provide them formal education.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K.Stalin has taken a vow to ensure "right to life, right to security and right to education" for children and transform Tamil Nadu as a child-labour free state. Till date as many as 291 child labourers have been rescued.

It is quite natural to go to other places and states in search of livelihood. During the Covid-19 pandemic, migrant workers employed in Tamil Nadu were put to great hardships, for want of transport facility, closure of factories, and so on. To lend a helping hand to those workers, the Government had distributed dry ration worth Rs 6.66 crore.

**P.Pandian, Retd. Government Official**

For the welfare of as many as 1,85,660 workers in the unorganised sector, the Government has extended assistance to the tune of Rs 247.49 crore. For maintaining good labour relations, a responsible and skilful workforce is necessary and so also needed progressive looking management.

Believing in the principle of "all must live", the state Government through the Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department has resolved 2,055 labour disputes and in 794 cases has taken the conciliatory decision that would benefit a broad spectrum of people.

As a new initiative, the Government has proposed to organise Employment Camps in association with the Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department, District Employment and Training Department, District administration and Government undertakings.

So far, 68,014 people have got placements through these camps, thus ensuring stable income for them. These initiatives of Hon'ble Chief Minister deserve applause.

"Hon'ble Chief Minister has taken a vow to make Tamil Nadu a child labour-free state."

# Common People's Trustworthy CM

It is our bounden duty to support Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin who is acting by keeping the welfare of people and development of Tamil Nadu uppermost in his mind.

**Evidence Kadhir, Social Activist**

The past 11-month rule of the DMK Government has restored the pride of Tamil Nadu. A state Government should have enormous tolerance, un-quenched desire in Social Justice, striving for overall development, compassion towards the poor people, transparent administration, and extraordinary courage to protect the rights of the states.

In eradication of untouchability, our Hon'ble Chief Minister is serving as an example for others to follow. To oversee the proper enactment of the Prevention of Atrocities Act, all states should form a 25-member monitoring committee.

Our Hon'ble Chief Minister has not only increased the number of members in the monitoring committee to 63 but had also convened the committee twice and announced enhancement of financial aid to those subjected to atrocities. He has also given an assurance that the number of courts would also be increased.

It is a matter of wonder that the Government has brought into force various schemes for the welfare of marginalized sections of society, including tribes, women, transgenders, students, farmers and labourers.

The Government has also started implementing various programmes such as giving priority in employment for those who have studied in Government schools, Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam, free bus ride for students in Tamil medium, transgenders and differently abled persons, reduction in prices of petroleum products, slashing of Aavin milk price, legal action for scrapping NEET exam, 12 month maternity leave, Naan Mudhalvan Scheme, All Villages Integrated Agriculture Development Scheme, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Commission, and additional funds for the upkeep of Sri Lankan refugee camp.

We should not just look at the schemes and the fund allocation for them. We must understand the reasons behind the implementation of those schemes. Then only we will realise the multi-faceted personality of our Hon'ble Chief Minister.

There should not exist any gap between the people and the Government. Our Chief Minister is treating the pain of an individual as his personal pain and as the pain of the society.

A Muslim boy does not have a shelter to live, and a narikurava woman does not get permission to sit and eat in common feast.

Such individual and isolated incidents too have attracted the attention of the Chief Minister and having known these he promptly takes suitable remedial action. This has endeared him to the common people.

Making announcements of schemes one after another in quick succession and acting on them earnestly has attracted the attention of the whole of India. That is why Kerala Chief Minister Thiru. Pinarayi Vijayan has appreciated Thiru. Stalin as "the centre of India's expectations."

It is the democratic dream that from common people to historic heroes all should repose faith in the Chief Minister. Therefore, our Chief Minister has the onus of making the dream come true. Despite steep price rise, economic problems and efforts to undermine state autonomy, democratic forces in India are placing their faith in the Government of Tamil Nadu and people.

Tamil Nadu has become impregnable to religiosity and looters' gangs. Therefore, the Chief Minister would have to focus more attention on restoring "Dream Democracy". This has been hinted by Thiru. Pinarayi Vijayan and we are reiterating the same point.

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# Tamil Nadu heading in a new direction

The successful administration of a state, a region or a country is judged on the basis of developments in the spheres of economy, education and health. Tamil Nadu has succeeded in integrating these three aspects and by doing so it has proved its uniqueness in the country.

In the meeting of multinational economic experts convened in July 2021, the Hon'ble Chief Minister clearly spelt out his goal: "Development inclusive of all the communities! Development inclusive of all Districts! Development inclusive of all sections of society! This is the Dravidian Model. It is my desire that on this line Tamil Nadu must grow." Thus, he has charted out the future course of the state.

Compared with many countries in the world, Tamil Nadu (even within the Federal setup) has done exceedingly well in the spheres of economy, education and health. How the state has shaped up its activities could be ascertained from the following examples.

**Women and Travel**

The inclusive growth concept has started with the introduction of free bus travel for women. During the period 1996-2001, Kalaignar's Government started the free bus travel for school students. This can be said to be the major reason for the appreciable educational index in the state.

**Women and Social Development**

In 1989, Kalaignar-led Government passed the legislation providing for rights of property to women and launched various other schemes such as EVR—Nagammaiyar Memorial Women Free

Graduate Education Scheme, formation of Women Self-Help Groups, 30 per cent reservation for women in Government jobs, and in 1996, 15 per cent reservation for rural women in professional colleges, all for the welfare of women.

Hon'ble Chief Minister has increased the quota for women in Government jobs from 30 per cent to 40 per cent, and raised the maternity leave from 9 months to 12 months. The Nordic countries such as Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, and Iceland have been focusing attention on job quotas for women, women's educational rights and maternity leave.

Thinking on the same lines of those countries, the Government of Tamil Nadu is also implementing the women welfare schemes.

**Women and governance**

Besides paying attention to women's education and jobs, the state Government has now started showing keen interest in women's role in politics. In the local body elections, 11 out of 20 women candidates fielded by the ruling party won. That 28-year-old Dalit woman Priya has become the Mayor of Chennai proves that it is another feather in the cap of the ruling party.

Similarly, Kalpana has become the first woman Mayor of Coimbatore Municipal Corporation.

**Skill development**

Infrastructure facilities, reservation procedures, introducing modern technology at school level, scholarships, higher education without entrance exams, and reservation for the first-generation graduates are some of the salient aspects that have served as the fundamental reasons for the success of Tamil Nadu. Above all, the all-inclusive and equality promoting educational infrastructure is the major contributor for growth.

The outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic had disrupted the learning process for two years. It had verily impacted the students' mentality. According to a report, the pandemic has caused physical and mental problems among 1.6 billion students across 190 countries.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has brought to the fore, the "Illam Thedi Kalvi" scheme. With the involvement of volunteers, street corner classes are conducted, thus averting potential school dropout rate. The transparency with which the scheme is being implemented is worth emulating by other states.

The main objective of the Naan Mudhalvan scheme is to enhance the knowledge, thoughts, and talents of 10 lakh youths annually. Besides this, it has been proposed to identify talents of the students of the Government run educational institutions and bring those talents to the fore.

To increase the chances of students going abroad for jobs, steps have been taken to teach foreign languages. Based on the qualification and interest of students, they are accommodated in premier organizations, universities and skill development facilities.

**Success of Tamil Nadu**

Social justice is the only means that could ensure creation of a stable, healthy, and modern society. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has termed this as the Dravidian Model.

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Pavalar
Arivumathi

# Year of achievements opens the way to a century of applause

Your brilliance brightened a year/To fetch laurels for you for hundred years and more!

Certainly, the coming years too will follow suit!

Storing in mind Periyar's dictums

Inheriting the heart of Perarignar from birth!

Holding the finger of Anbazhagar

You have left your imprints like your father!

You followed the path of Kamarajar

in taking the advice of experts before executing work!

Yes. you identified yourself with the poor

And sheltered them to the acclaim of opponents!

That is why people across States

Admire your hidden prowess of administration!

And install you in their hearts!

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# Fiery Sun, Rise!

Kavichudar
Kavidhaipithan

*Fiery Sun, Rise,*
*Uttering praises*
*in Classical Tamil*
*to our Mudhalvar*
*so that my Tamil kin*
*stride proudly ahead,*
*freed from the heat of sorrow*
*their vision cooled*
*their hearts amelting*
*their breath tranquil.*

*Fiery Sun, Rise,*
*even as the pearl bursts forth*
*from the shell, saying*
*Hail to Kalaignar's son,*
*who established that Tamil rule,*
*sweet as Thai Pongal,*
*will henceforth continue*
*and drive away the darkness*
*long enshrouding the earth!*

*Like the throngs of women*
*of self help groups and*
*women with jewel loans*
*who have gathered*
*after their hearts melted*
*by the waiver announcement*
*so compassionately made,*
*Fiery Sun, Rise*
*to express joyous thanks.*

*In their hearts and homes*
*joy overflowing, farmers*
*are swimming in happiness,*
*the achievement of the waiver*
*of agricultural loans*
*having saved them from agony!*
*Rise, Fiery Sun, Rise,*
*to spell this out clearly!*

*Fiery Sun, Rise,*
*to apply the victory tilak*
*on the forehead*
*and honour the Chief Minister*
*who saved the people*
*by giving financial aid*
*when they were threatened*
*by the pandemic*
*that shook the entire world!*

*Fiery Sun, Rise,*
*to honour the achiever*
*Chief Minister*
*who journeyed to Dubai*
*and signed MoUs*
*for starting industries*
*so that youth in our state*
*can find employment!*

*Fiery Sun, Rise,*
*to announce to the world*
*the thought revolution*
*that has made Adi Dravidars*
*Archakas in Senthamizh land,*
*as the days have dawned*
*when the intruding Nandhis*
*themselves welcome Nandhan!*

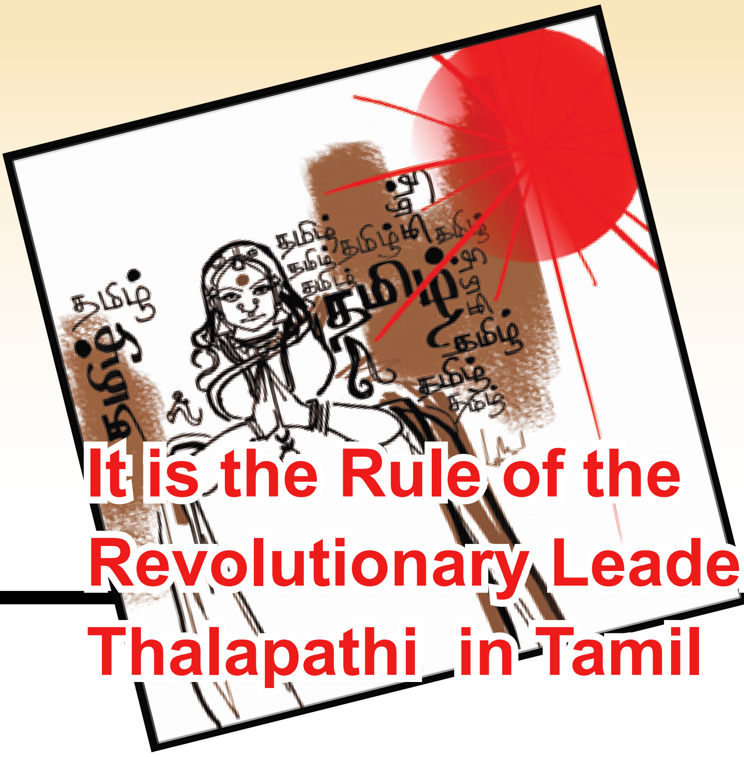
*Fiery Sun, Rise,*
*to cast more light*
*and announce greater fame*
*to the Mudhalvar*
*who has renovated*
*the Samathuvapurams*
*that bring down the curtain*
*on caste and creed differences!*

*Fiery Sun, Rise,*
*like the great scheme*
*of the Mudhalvar*
*which makes the dream*
*of making Tamil Nadu*
*a state free of mud huts,*
*come true by his work*
*mindless of food and sleep!*

*Ayya, Anna and dear Kalaignar*
*live on this earth*
*in the form of our Mudhalvar!*
*Fiery Sun, Rise, to add splendour*
*to the aim of Tamils*
*to live, prosper and thrive*
*in this way!*

*A great people's leader*
*who has dedicated*
*his days to the service*
*of the people!*
*A giant among men!*
*Glory to the Tamizh Mudhalvar*
*Praised by the worthy!*
*Fiery Sun, Rise,*
*Emblazon this message*
*on the skies!*

Dr.Thamizhachi Thangapandian, MP



# It is the Rule of the Revolutionary Leader Thalapathi in Tamil Nadu

*May 7 is a golden day when the Sun rose from all four directions.*

*While it is normal to express thanks to those who vote for one, saying 'I will be the Chief Minister even for those who did not vote for me' is a great achievement befitting the great and chosen son of Muthamizharignar.*

*It is a great record to implement Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam (Doctor at the doorstep scheme), Illam Thedi Kalvi (scheme to bridge learning gaps during pandemic) and Gold Loan Waiver to those poor families who got gold loans from the Co-operative Banks for less than 5 sovereigns, along with issuing Government orders for implementing more than 1,200 announcements out of 1,500 announcements.*

*It is a great record that solutions were found for more than 2,600 files out of 2,700 files by following the advice of Dr.Kalaignar that files should not stagnate.*

*Greatest achievement of the matchless rule of Thalapathi is that, in keeping with his upbringing by Kalaignar, he follows the golden words of Arignar Anna that one should live with the people.*

*Among the significant achievements of Thalapathi are the Ungal Thoguthiyil Stalin Scheme, successfully meeting the challenge of the Corona pandemic compared to other states, heartily congratulating achievers in all fields including sports and Ministers being easily accessible to one and all.*

*Head bowed, I heartily pay tribute to the hope-inspiring good regime which is creating dazzling milestones through its achievements*

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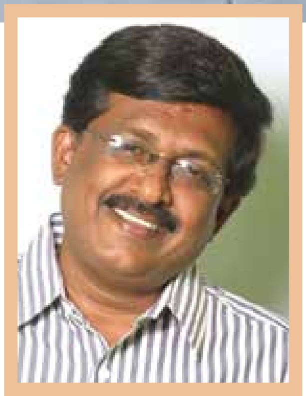
# A radiant regime



Kavignar
**Nellai Jayantha**

*This Government is a radiant regime that has carved out in a year achievements that no previous regime could.*

*Houses for award winning Tamil writers. Oh! This is the shade given by the Sun itself.*

*We need hospitals to be free of sickness and to be mobile. But you have given us mobile hospitals!*

*You have retrieved not only the gold jewels of poor agriculturists but also their cheer!*

*During his term, Kalaignar nationalized bus transport. And today Thalapathi has put bus transport at the beck and call of women. The father gave happiness; the son has bestowed free rides.*

*The Tamil country is traditionally classified into four categories. But today, it is the Kazhagam Government alone that has discovered the fifth classification known as temple lands by retrieving them.*

*Soon Chennai will turn into Singara Chennai not just with decorations but with bridges.*

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Kavignar
**Pazhanibharathi**

# New dawn in governance

Art: Marudhu

Kudu, Kudu, Kudu, kudu, kudu kudu....goes the drum of the wandering soothsayer!

Good times have come, good times have come. The Dravidian Model regime has come.

The voice of Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin has echoed the rights of states at the Centre.

The price of milk has come down. The pandemic is waning. Free bus rides for women are increasing.

Illangal Thedi Kalvi enters into the house of the poor and the downtrodden. Health service rushes to the doorstep of all. Temples echo the mantra of equality. Machines remove human wastes.

Caste discriminations wane. Samathuvapurams rise in number. Entrance examinations themselves are in the grip of fear! The honour of medical education has risen.

More attention is paid to the environment. Everybody has come to know the value of cleanliness and freedom. Plastic bags are slowly disappearing.

Yellow cloth bags are back again. The misery of the tearful has come down. It's a new dawn for displaced Tamils. Slavery and fear have gone. Confidence in the Government is increasing. Law and order have improved substantially. Social Justice is creating history. The world's attention is turning towards Tamil Nadu. Agriculture and industries are growing.

After Periyar, Anna and Kalaignar, Stalin's name shines brightly! The world greets you with the words of Thiruvalluvar. It is rare to have such a Government!

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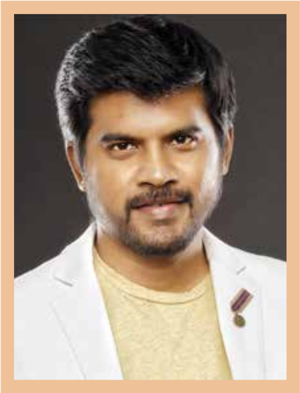


Vithaga Kavignar
**Pa. Vijay**

# A Chief Minister with many firsts

King of Tamil Nadu, affectionately called Thalapathi!

You are the curly haired sun risen to dispel the hold of darkness!

How many firsts in the poem penned to portray your first rise as Chief Minister!

This is the first time that the entire nation looked at you when you took over as the Chief Minister.

This is the first time that a leader as Chief Minister gave three names in the name of the Chief Minister during the swearing in ceremony.

This is the first time that a representative of a poor man, an ATM security met a king at his coronation.

This is the first time that not a neighbouring State, but a neighbouring nation enquired about the Chief Minister of the State.

When everybody was afraid to enter the Corona ward, you were the first one who entered and warmly enquired of patients about their needs.

First time that the Chief Minister turned the mike he was holding, to allow his Cabinet colleague to speak.

First time that a Chief Minister walked on a canal to face the rains challenging from the sky.

First time that the entire Arab world decorated itself to receive the leader of a State.

First time Muthamizh was proclaimed from the world's tallest tower Burj Khalifa.

This is the first that an atheist party is protecting theists.

First time that the Malayalam country applauded your black-red speech at a Communist conference.

First time that the Government heeded the suggestion of a Government school student.

First time that the entire capital turned up for the Press conference of a Tamil leader at Delhi.

In self respect you are red, in fearlessness black and in opposing Hindu imposition, fire!

You are not only an example for a Chief Minister but the role model for all Chief Ministers.

Greetings to your rule; May your rule triumph.

New landmark of southern Tamil Nadu

# Rs. 114 crore library coming up in Madurai in memory of Dr. Kalaignar

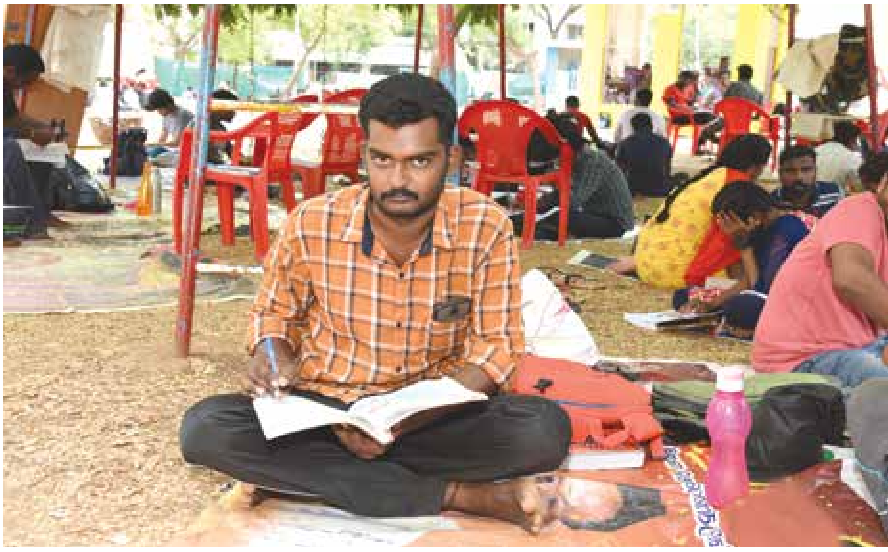
Muthamizharignar Kalaignar Memorial Library is being constructed at a cost of Rs. 114 crore on the Pudhu Natham Road in Madurai.

To commemorate the memory of Muthamizharignar Dr.Kalaignar, who was the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for 5 times and who implemented various welfare schemes for the people, a memorial library in the name of Dr.Kalaignar will be opened, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin announced in 2021. As per his announcement, it was decided to construct a six storeyed building for the library on a total 2 lakh sq.ft and the Hon'ble Chief Minister initiated construction work on 11.01.2022. Construction work is going on and the building work will be completed within a year and be dedicated for the public use.

## Auditorium with 250 seating capacity

At present, work on the basement, ground floor, first and second

floors has been completed. In the basement, facilities have been provided to park two and four wheelers and to accommodate a generator. In the ground floor, there will be books and chairs for the convenience of differently abled. On the same floor, an auditorium has been planned with a seating capacity for 250 people. On the first floor, a Children's Library has been planned. In this floor, there will be 20,000 books besides dailies and periodicals.



### Second floor with 30,000 books

On the second floor, to commemorate the memory of Dr.Kalaignar, political writings of Dr.Kalaignar, literary books, books written for the common public, besides a Research Centre with 4,000 study reports of Dr.Kalaignar. For those who appear for competitive examinations, it has been planned to have 30,000 books.

### Third floor with 63,000 books

The third floor will have 63,000 Tamil literary books while the fourth floor will have English books. Rare books will be kept in the Fifth Floor including Aimperum Kappiyam and Pathinen Keezh Kannakku. The sixth floor will be for visually challenged persons.

Steps are being taken to instal the Statue of Dr.Kalaignar. Modern facilities like touch screen, generator and escalator are to be provided. The entire work will be completed swiftly to make the library available to the general public before the scheduled date.

**Thiru. Vignesh of Post Office Street, Panaiyur, Madurai says that he was born in a poor family and managed to get through the Diploma course.**

"As my aim is to get a Government job, I am preparing for the competitive examinations. For this, along with my friends I am doing combined studies in a Madurai park, where we exchange books and other materials. At this juncture, I heard the news that the Hon'ble Chief Minister has laid the foundation stone for a modern library coming up in Madurai. The proposed library is to have books which will be useful to those who prepare for competitive examinations. I am happy to know that this library is going to have modern facilities such as AC, lift and escalator. I am happy to know that the authorities are going to provide a big hall to enable reading of digital books. When this library is thrown open to the public, many people who are economically poor will be benefited. I thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister who ordered construction of this library which is going to be a landmark for South Tamil Nadu."

# Measures taken to expedite work on Thoothukudi-Vanchi Maniyachi Road

To create awareness about road safety and prevention of road accidents, a meeting of officials of all Departments and activists was organised in Thoothukudi on 20.05.2022 with the participation of Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Highways and Minor Ports, Thiru. A.V.Velu, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, Tmt. Geetha Jeevan and Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Fishermen Welfare and Animal Welfare, Thiru. Anitha R.Radhakrishnan.

Addressing the meeting, the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, Highways and Minor Ports, Thiru. A.V.Velu, said:

"I feel honoured to participate in the review meeting on road safety works in Thoothukudi District, organized as per the directive of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, with officials of various Departments, voluntary organizations and driver associations participating.

### Repairing damaged roads

Members of the public should co-operate fully with the District Administration and Transport Department to prevent road accidents in the District. Similarly, the District Collector should implement the suggestions made by the public in the Road Safety review meeting after studying them. Steps should be taken to protect pedestrians walking on roadsides. The PWD contractors and officials are advised to undertake the responsibility of repairing damaged roads. Immediate medical assistance should be provided to those injured in road accidents. Youth were the worst affected by road accidents during the Corona period. Due to lockdown, there was a fall in the accident rate in the State. One reason for the increasing number of accidents is the use of cell phones during driving. Stringent action should therefore be taken against those who use cell phones during driving.

### High-level bridge

In this District, the total length of roads

which are under the direct control of the State Highways is 2,305 km. District roads are to a length of 334 km and other roads to a length of 1,582 km. At the same time, road works related to National Highways are going on in 175 km. Demands from the public and the Local Bodies are being implemented in the State. The distance between Thoothukudi and Vanchi Maniyachi is 21 km. It is possible to lay roads between these two points (21 km) by acquiring 108 hectares of land. On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Rs. 28.53 crore had been sanctioned in this regard and the work is going on to lay the road. As there is some delay in the road laying works, the Government has appointed a Special Revenue Officer to complete the works at the earliest. Similarly, road widening work is going on from South Veera Pandipuram to SIPCOT at an estimate of Rs. 19.9 lakh. Similarly work is going for setting up a high-level bridge. Work for yet another high-level bridge at VVD Signal is going on at a cost of Rs. 9.50 lakh.

## Bypass Road for Tiruchendur

Tiruchendur is a famous pilgrim centre. People, especially devotees, come to this pilgrim centre from abroad as well from different parts of the Country and from various Districts. Due to increasing traffic congestion in the town, the local Minister placed a demand for a by-pass road for the town and for that a review was conducted. We have reviewed the areas for constructing the by-pass road. After reaching Chennai, the project report will be prepared and subsequently other works taken up.

## Road bridges to be upgraded as high-level bridges

The Milavittan Railway over-bridge will be completed by July this year. We have decided to purchase mechanical sweepers to remove road-side sand dunes which make the surroundings unhygienic. Vilathikulam M.L.A. Thiru. Markandayan demanded that all road under-bridges should be converted into over-bridges. We have decided to convert 13 under bridges out of 25 into over-bridges. Work will start by the end of this year after completing the tender formalities.

## Awareness campaign to prevent road accidents:

The main thrust of the meeting is to create awareness about road safety. The Hon'ble Chief Minister was very particular that road safety should be given priority. The main aim of road safety is to provide immediate first aid to those who suffer serious injuries. Accidents involving two wheelers are on the rise. Road widening work is carried out based on the increasing population. Various awareness campaigns are carried out to prevent accidents and to protect people from road accidents.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced schemes to avert accident deaths and reduce accident rates. This includes a toll free Emergency Service Scheme within 48 hours after the accidents, 'Innuyir Kappom - Nammai Kaakkum 48'. Through these schemes, the number of fatalities in accidents have been reduced considerably.

Prize schemes to reduce accidents: We have also announced prize schemes for Districts which reduce accidents considerably every year. Orders have been issued sanctioning Rs. 25 lakh as first prize Rs. 13 lakh as second prize and Rs. 10 lakh as third prize. Since, Thoothukudi District has been functioning effectively in taking road safety measures, steps should be taken to win the prize this year.

Special attention should be given to rural areas and school and college zones by widening roads, setting up speed-breakers. Stringent action should be taken against those who violate the road rules. All Department heads should take co-ordinated action to prevent road accidents keeping in mind the directives given by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on road safety keeping the well-being of the people in mind.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** unveiled a plaque in commemoration of Chennai Corporation Mayor, 'Velludai Vendhar' Sir Pitti Thiyagarayar's feeding scheme for school students, started more than a hundred years ago, at the Chennai special school for those affected by muscular dystrophy, run by the Greater Chennai Corporation in Model School Road, Thousand Lights, Chennai on 14.05.2022.

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